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Football, Christianity find place in France

By Mike Creswell
International Mission Board

VITTEL, France (BP)—When Scott Case picked up a football, 38 French football players watched him closely to see what he did with it.

After all, they reasoned, Case played for the Dallas Cowboys in the Super Bowl two years ago — the man knows football.

During a five-day football clinic in this scenic northeastern French city in late June, the brawny players saw another side of Case — a Southern Baptist who takes his Christian faith as seriously as football.

By the time the last whistle blew at week's end, seven of the French players had committed their lives to Christ.

"In addition to the seven players who made decisions for Christ, many others were touched and will probably make decisions later," said Rod Boatwright, a missionary starting a new church nearby in the outskirts of a larger city, Nancy.

Boatwright is one of three dozen missionaries the Southern Baptist International Mission Board has assigned to France. He has been coaching American-style football as a platform for witnessing and contacting many French people.

Case, who played 10 years as starting strong safety for the Atlanta Falcons before joining the Cowboys, was one of eight volunteers leading the workshop.

Hard-hitting practice scrimmages with lots of coaching suggestions filled the days; the volunteers used evenings and off-hours for Christian witnessing.

The French players listened closely to every word: Clearly these Americans knew about football.

Volunteer Tom Pridemore, for example, played eight years with the Atlanta Falcons. These days he runs a utility construction company in Cumming, Ga. He still holds a record — the



ONE ON ONE — While other players watch a game tape, missionary Rod Boatwright shares the gospel with a young man participating in a clinic on American-style football. (BP photo by Mike Creswell)

longest interception in Falcon history, a 102-yard interception of a ball thrown by quarterback Joe Montana.

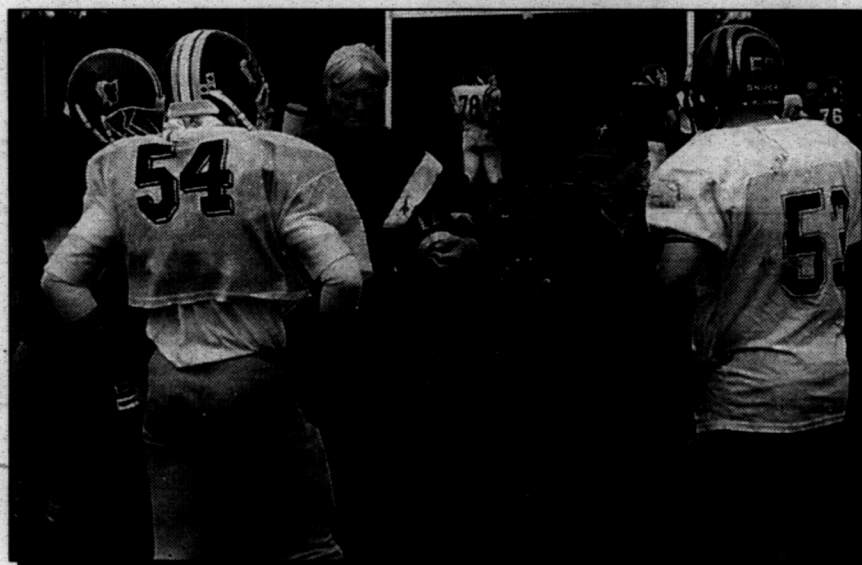
Larry C. Morris, a member of an evangelical church in Atlanta, is a 13-year National Football League veteran who played with the winning team in the 1963 NFL championship game, forerunner of today's Super Bowl — and was voted most valuable player.

Case shared his testimony before the group one evening, telling how he reached a point in his life where his athletic ability could no longer serve as a crutch. He told of kneeling on a muddy dirt road in the rain

and giving control of his life to Christ. The husky players listened in rapt attention as Boatwright translated the dramatic story into French.

Getting a Super Bowl ring was a lifelong dream, Case told the men. "But when you die, you can't take it with you. Having Christ is bigger than the Super Bowl," he said.

Boatwright's dream is to get four young men experienced in football to serve as short-term missionaries in France. The object, he said, would be to win people to Christ and start new churches, using football as a way to get a hearing for the gospel.



A LITTLE ADVICE — Larry C. Morris (holding football), a 13-year National Football League veteran, and Brice Butler, a student at Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., work with players attending a football clinic in France. (BP photo by Mike Creswell)

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Looking back

10 years ago

Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action of Pine Forest Church, Collinsville, want to help after they heard Southern Baptist missionary George Ratz speak about missions in Poland, so they raise enough money to purchase 553 Polish-language Bibles.

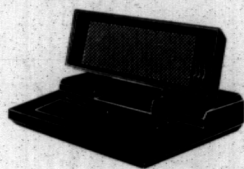
20 years ago

Mississippi Chester Swor, internationally-known youth ministry writer and lecturer, is the principal speaker for Mississippi Baptist Youth Night at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. Attendees also hear Bob T., athletic director and head football coach at Mississippi State University.

50 years ago

Bob Jones, Sr., founder of Bob Jones University, is the guest speaker at the Jackson Youth for Christ rally Aug. 9. Music is brought by the Youth for Christ Trio; Lowery Compere, Jr. on the marimba; the Octet from First Church, Crystal Springs; and the city-wide youth choir.

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We knew all along

If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down.

— Origin of the Species
Charles Darwin

In an era when Darwin's theory of evolution is accepted as fact in most scientific and education circles, an unassuming Pennsylvania professor has taken up Darwin's challenge to disprove the infamous theory — and he may be on to something.

According to an article by Tom Woodward in the April 28, 1997 issue of Christianity Today magazine, 44-year-old Lehigh University biochemist Michael J. Behe is creating an uproar among the disciples of evolution with his idea that biological systems can only be reduced so far before they fail to work, thus refuting Darwin's theory that all life is the result of evolutionary progress.

"What type of biological system could not be formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications? Well, for starters, a system that has a quality I call irreducible complexity.

"When I say that something is irreducibly complex, I simply mean it is a system composed of several well-matched, interacting parts that contribute to the basic function, wherein the removal of any one of the parts causes the system to effectively cease functioning," Woodward quoted Behe as explaining to rapt attendees at a recent seminar at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

That proposition is the foundation for

Behe's book, "Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution" (Free Press, 307 pp. hardcover, \$25).

For newspaper editors and other scientifically-challenged people, Behe points to the humble mousetrap as an example of irreducible complexity.

"You need all the parts to catch a mouse. You can't catch a few mice with a platform, then add the spring and catch a few more, and then add the hammer and improve its function. All the parts must be there to have any function at all. The mousetrap is irreducibly complex," he stressed.

That's how Behe sees the basic component of life — the cell.

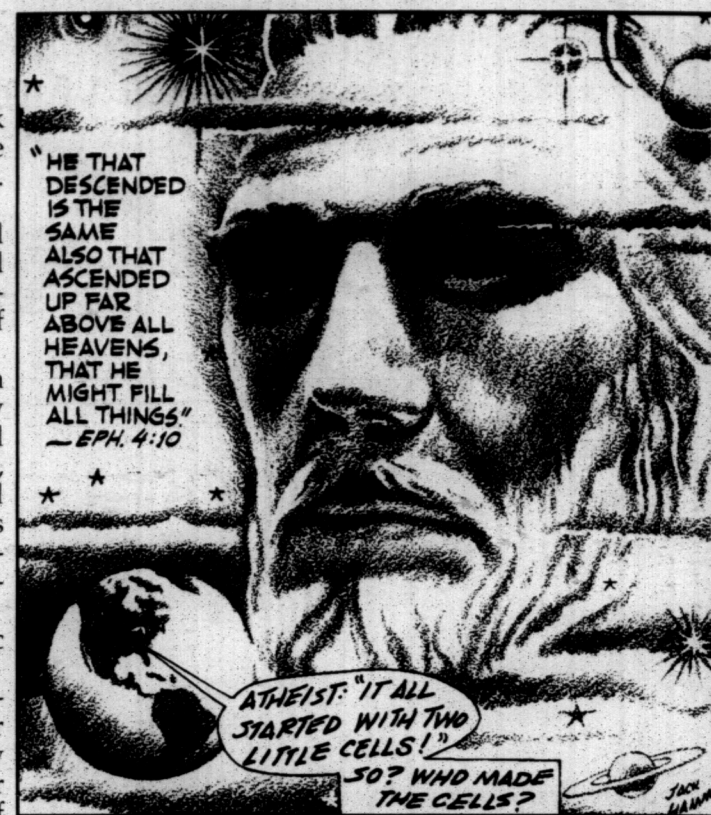
"The cell is no longer a mysterious black box as it was for Darwin; we now know precisely how it works at the molecular level. And the cell is chock full of systems like (the mousetrap) that are irreducibly complex," he said.

In a nutshell, Behe is arguing that the most basic, fundamental structures undergirding life on this planet cannot be a product of evolution because those structures — like the mousetrap — could not have gradually evolved and still achieved their functions.

Angry Darwinists have denounced Behe in the most animated terms, but they've sputtered while attempting to move from theoretical to real-world refutation of irreducible complexity.

It's a certainty that his critics won't give up. We Christians know that from our battles with these intractable evolutionists.

However, we now have a well-grounded



theory that directly contradicts the theory of evolution. That's a great development, but Christians have a higher source of information that isn't based on human theory of any kind.

The Bible tells us that God spoke the world and everything in it into existence. He spoke it into existence. All the theories ever proposed — and ever to be proposed — won't explain that fact.

That doesn't come as a surprise to Christians. We've always had our faith, and we knew all along that Darwinism would "break down." In a world that searches for the meaning of life in meaningless Martian rocks, it's time we live like we really believe in the true "origin of the species."

GUEST OPINION:



Let's get it right

By R.K. Houston, member
Bay Springs Church, Bay Springs

Disney continued to produce "R" rated movies.

Certainly, then, it was proper for the Southern Baptists to impress punitive measures upon Disney, in order that it, and all similarly situated, may come to appreciate that, when the SBC demands action or forbearance, corporate giants had better queue up and take notice. Inasmuch as Disney management would not fall to their knees in prayer, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) had a duty to beat them into that position through financial ruin — all this in the precious name of Jesus, of course. Therefore, the SBC called for its Second Annual Disney Boycott.

Admittedly, the above is a silly scenario. Certainly, no Christian organization would stoop to such reactionary nonsense.

However, notwithstanding the best of motives, the SBC's action in calling for a Disney boycott demonstrates a nega-

tive Christianity at best. All who are interested have been put on notice that the SBC intends for Southern Baptists to punish Disney financially, solely because that corporation refuses to alter its conduct to conform with Southern Baptists' mores. Christians have no moral or scriptural authority to make such a demand, and reason dictates that Disney will not comply.

Will there be a recognizable boycott? Probably not. There wasn't last year. Probably the theme parks will be visited in record numbers this year. Where else can Christian parents find a more wholesome entertainment for their children? Should Baptist parents proscribe Hercules? Only the children would be the losers.

The net effect of the SBC's boycott call is that a relatively few, well meaning Southern Baptists have once again cast all of us in the role of reactionaries, devoid of love and totally intol-

erant, a state of heart that no one would wish to emulate. No, we didn't get it right. What a shame, because that is not an accurate picture of us — Southern Baptists are loving, caring individuals, affirmative in their outlook and tolerant of others' right to be wrong.

However, the race is not over. We will try again next year. We will practice hard, and maybe we will get it right. Maybe the SBC will call for a Christian family weekend at Disney World, a weekend in which Baptists can demonstrate those wholesome family characteristics that thinking parents do wish to emulate. Or, maybe it will call for some other positive action. Maybe we will remember that Christianity is not about stomping out sin — but about love; about opening our hearts to all people, even though we disagree strongly with their lifestyle; about showing our love, despite our differences; about reaching out to those whose actions we reject.

Christianity is an affirmative state. In fact, until the SBC next year, maybe we should put a sign on each Sunday School classroom proclaiming, "Only affirmative Christianity spoken here."

Next year, let's get it right.

Houston is an attorney in Bay Springs.

Lott brings 'Singing Senators' to home church

By William H. Perkins Jr.
Editor

They came. They sang. They got a standing ovation.

That pretty much sums up the one-of-a-kind performance of the "Singing Senators" Aug. 3 at the regular morning worship service

of First Church, Pascagoula.

"We're just happy when we can begin and end on the same note," said U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Pascagoula, member of First Church, Pascagoula, and leader of the quartet of U.S. senators in town to perform the next day

at a local Republican Party Founders Day event.

In addition to Lott, members of the quartet include:

◆ Larry Craig of Idaho, a United Methodist.

◆ John Ashcroft of Missouri, son of an Assemblies of God pastor.

◆ James Jeffords of Vermont, a Congregationalist.

The quartet performed a set of gospel songs at the service and concluded with a moving rendition of "God Bless America." They received a standing ovation from the overflow crowd in the church's 1,400-seat sanctuary.

Lott explained that the quartet was formed after an impromptu musical session on the floor of the U.S. Senate revealed their vocal aptitudes.

That session led to a performance at the 1996 Republican National Convention in San Diego, which in turn led to invitations to perform on a couple of television network early-morning news shows.

The group has received scores of invitations from around the country, but Lott said the hectic U.S. Senate schedule has compelled them

to limit the Singing Senators to just a few performances in their respective home states.

However, Lott added that the invitation to perform at the Grand Ole Opry is tempting.

Although the four men continually made jokes about their singing ability, they appeared well-rehearsed and on-key as they performed with taped accompaniment. Lott led the group and sang bass.

After the sermon by First Church pastor Rex Yancey, immediate past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the Singing Senators closed out the service with a second harmonized performance of "God Bless America" — this time *a cappella* — and again received an extended round of appreciative applause as they exited the church's sanctuary.



SENATORS PERFORM — U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (left) of Pascagoula leads the "Singing Senators" quartet during their performance Aug. 3 at First Church, Pascagoula, Lott's home church. Other members of the impromptu singing group include (from left after Lott) Larry Craig of Idaho, John Ashcroft of Missouri, and James Jeffords of Vermont. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)



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Worship Conference slated for Aug. 15

The Witness Team of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) is sponsoring a worship conference on Friday, Aug. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Baptist Building in Jackson. There is a \$10 registration fee for the conference.

Designed for all persons involved in worship leadership, the conference features veteran worship leader Mark Tullos, Sr.; Matt Tullos, editor of Let's Worship magazine and creative director of The National Drama Service; and Steve Davis, pastor of First Church, Garland, Tex..

The six sessions will focus on drama in evangelism; the pas-

tor's role in creative worship; making music relevant through calls to worship, scripture, and prayer; creative movement; monologues, dialogues and congregational involvement; and worship planning.

Mark Tullos, Sr. will present ideas and concepts on fresh approaches to traditional worship. Topics will include creative calls to worship, the use of drama in worship, innova-

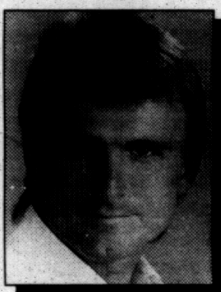


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tive hymn singing, drama revivals, developing evangelistic moments in worship, and creating excitement within a worship/ministry team.

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Steve Davis have experienced significant spiritual and numerical growth. First Church, Garland, Tex., last year baptized over 100 people. Davis will bring a pastor's perspective to the worship planning process.

For more information contact the MBCB Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone (601) 968-3800 or toll-free outside Jackson (800)748-1651.



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Miss. CP tops budget

As of the end of July, Mississippi Baptists' gifts through the Cooperative Program were more than a million dollars ahead of budget, according to Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, which disburses the funds.

The 1997 Cooperative Program budget of \$24,145,086, needs a monthly average (or pro rata amount) of \$2,012,090.50 to be reached. For the first seven months of the year, \$14,084,634 would be needed. Since a total of \$15,401,077 has been given, this means that the pro rata amount has been exceeded by \$1,316,433, or 9.35%.

Also, July gifts of \$2,621,974 through the Cooperative Program by Mississippi Baptist churches were the second highest monthly giving total in history.

July gifts were second in size only to January of this year which totaled \$2,922,651. The next highest month was January of 1996 which brought in \$2,586,166.

Gifts for the first seven months of 1997 exceed the total for the same period of 1996 by \$1,005,879.

"The gift giving attitude of Mississippi Baptist churches toward missions, evangelism and Christian higher education continues to honor God and Mississippi Baptists' plan for reaching Mississippi and the world for Jesus," said Causey.

SBC CP increases 14%

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Cooperative Program (CP) receipts for July increased more than 14% over July 1996 while year-to-date receipts climbed to nearly 6% over the previous period, according to Morris H. Chapman, president and chief executive officer of the SBC Executive Committee.

July 1997 CP receipts totaled \$13,036,519 compared to July 1996 of \$11,411,336, an increase of \$1,625,182 or 14.24%.

For the SBC's fiscal year to date, October through July, CP gifts totaled \$129,894,847 compared to the previous year of \$122,834,012, an increase of \$7,060,834 for the 10 months or 5.75%.

Designated gifts for July 1997 dropped \$444,640 over last year. For July, \$4,254,583 was received compared to July 1996 of \$4,699,223, a 9.46% decrease.

For the year to date, designated gifts totaled \$135,596,519 compared to the same period last year of \$133,130,017, an increase of \$2,466,501 or 1.85%.

For the SBC's Program Allocation Budget, the July 1997 totals surpassed the required monthly budget requirement — \$12,087,791 — by \$948,727 or 7.85%. For the fiscal year to date, the CP gifts have surpassed the budget requirement — \$120,877,915 — by \$9,016,931 or 7.46%.

Mississippi Acteens teach VBS in Colombia

By Sue Sprenkle
International Mission Board

BOGOTA, Colombia — It had been a long and tiring week in a strange land for Mississippi Acteen Jennie Ward. She didn't understand the language and never knew what she was eating.

The stress of teaching two Vacation Bible Schools (VBS) each day made her even more tired.

That weariness, however, was forgotten the instant a small Colombian child recognized her and ran toward her with arms open wide.

"We have been teaching VBS and most of the children only spoke Spanish, so the children were slow to warm up to us," Ward said. "Today, when the little boy who

was clinging to her mother saw me and broke into a grin and ran to me, I realized what a wonderful week this has been."

Six Acteen Activators and three leaders from Mississippi spent a few weeks in June leading two sessions of Vacation Bible School in Bogota, Colombia.

The leaders of the group were Charlotte Ann Swales McHenry and Donna Mathews, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; and Pamela Booth, Meadowood Church, Amory.

Acteens working were Jennie and Cassandra Tidwell, Meadowood Church, Amory; and Laura Dedeaux, Nicole McHenry, Leah Dedeaux, and Rachel Michel, Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

The group of Acteens spent time with three different age groups. They guided the children in arts, crafts, and games, and told Bible stories.

International Mission Board Missionary Kaye Rolfe said the Acteens interacted with

the children wonderfully.

"Even though there was the barrier of different languages, the language of honest caring was communicated with beautiful frequency," she said. "Everything they did involved smiling, touching, hugging, and showing love. The Acteens were definitely sharing how Jesus cares."

Acteen Nicole McHenry said the beginning of the week was the hardest because they couldn't verbally communicate with the children.

As the week progressed, the children began calling the Acteens by name and wanted to hang out with them.

"They would show us their artwork and want to play with us," McHenry said. "Because of our love for God and his love for us, the children saw how much we loved them. God is love."

IMB trustees issue warning on groups

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — International Mission Board (IMB) trustees meeting July 28-31 at Glorieta Assembly in New Mexico passed a resolution warning Southern Baptists to be cautious of independent religious groups from overseas that are raising funds in the United States.

IMB President Jerry Rankin said a number of overseas national groups are seeking Southern Baptist funds, are making unproven promises of missionary successes, and are using practices the IMB questions missiologically.

The resolution names and expresses concern about a group

that claims to work in India.

"Based on information available at this time, the trustees of the IMB do not have confidence in the ministry of the Gospel to the Unreached Millions, founded by K.A. Paul," the trustee resolution said.

Gospel to the Unreached Millions works in parts of India

and is based in Houston, Tex.

The resolution notes that Paul spoke at the 1997 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Dallas prior to the annual SBC annual meeting there.

The board's concern focuses on the perception created of implied endorsement of Paul's ministry.



HANDS ON — Acteen Activator Nichole McHenry of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, cradles a Colombian girl during a Vacation Bible School session in Bogota. (BR special photo)



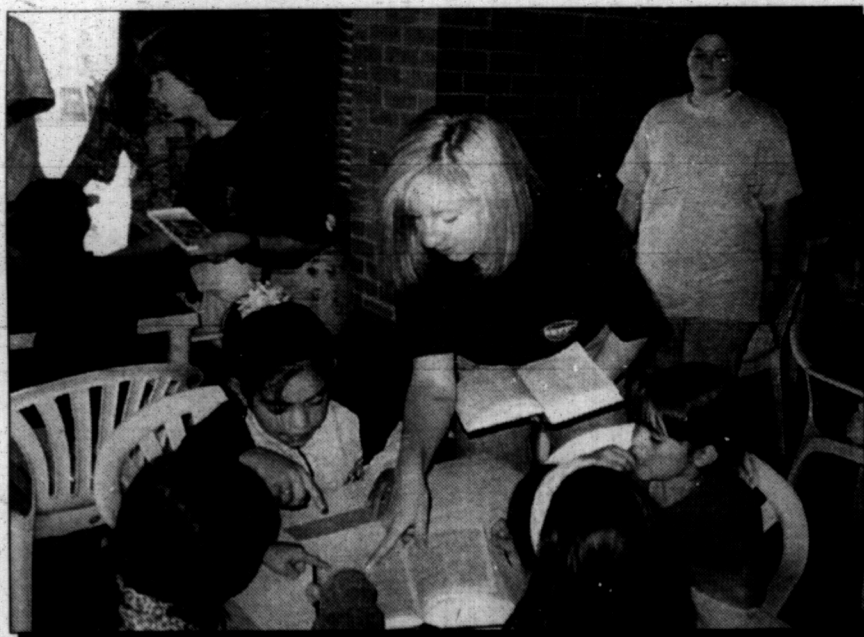
ALL TOGETHER NOW — Acteens Activator leader Donna Mathews of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, gathers Colombian children to begin another session of Vacation Bible School. Mathews was one of nine Mississippians who traveled to Colombia to conduct the Vacation Bible Schools. (BR special photo)

Hattiesburg church to host seminar

Mt. Olive MB Church, Hattiesburg, will host an August 12 Reconciliation Seminar on the ministry of reconciliation. The seminar, scheduled for 7-9 p.m., will consist of the question: What is the message of reconciliation, and where do you fit into the purposes of God to be an agent of reconciliation?

Arthur Siggers, pastor of Mt. Olive Church, and Richard Allison, pastor of University Church, Hattiesburg, will be the leaders.

For more information, contact Richard Brogan, consultant in the Missions Extension and Associational Administration Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Telephone: (601) 968-3800 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651.



POINTING THE WAY — Acteen Activators Leah Dedeaux (standing, left) of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and Cassy Tidwell (standing, center) of Meadowood Church, Amory, explain Bible lessons to Colombian children during a Vacation Bible School session. (BR special photo)

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST STUDENT UNION SUMMER MISSIONARY TESTIMONIES



BEVERLY STANK

San Diego — 1991
Vancouver, British Columbia — 1992
Jones Jr. College
Mississippi College
Graphic Designer, "The Baptist Record"

At one time I thought that summer missions would never be something I'd do. Now I can't imagine what my life would be like had I not done summer missions, for it truly changed my life. I went into my first missions experience thinking about all the things my partners and I would be doing, like teaching VBS and Back Yard Bible Clubs, how God was going to use us. My summer ended up being so much more. I learned things about God I would have never learned had I not served those summers. I think about the teaching, singing, playing, and loving that was shared with the children and I wonder what's going on in their lives now. So many seeds were planted. I think about the missionaries and pastors we worked alongside and pray that their ministries are continuing to grow. When it's time to give to the Lottie Moon or Annie Armstrong offerings, those are the people I think about.

College graduation came and my opportunities to serve as a BSU summer missionary were over, but I know that's not the end. God is continuing to work in my life as I am now working for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's state paper, "The Baptist Record." Summer missions changed my life — it can change yours, too.



Missourians 'plug in' Moss Point ministry

By Carl M. White
Associate Editor

On a steamy, hot Wednesday morning, youth minister Scott Watson of First Church, Springfield, Mo., gathers his group outside the gym doors of a Moss Point school. There is a summer YMCA program in the building. His group is plugging in with the staff of the "Y" to do mission work.

There is a change in plans for the day because of a reading program on Wednesdays, Watson tells the group of 34 youth and 10 adults. "So, we'll all do reading with them," Watson says.

Doing mission work demands flexibility, Watson observed. He knows a lot about mission trips. Every year he leads a mission choir trip.

"Last year we went to Wyoming," he said. They have also been to Dolphin Island,

Ala., the Pacific Northwest, and Montana.

The First Church, Springfield, Mo. group is the fifth group of the summer in the Pascagoula/Moss Point area.

Ernie Sadler, director of missions for Jackson Association in Pascagoula, said mission groups come in starting in late May through the middle of August.

This is such a regular and vital part of their mission strategy that the association converted an older office building into a dorm capable of sleeping 25 people.

Sadler said they will host groups from Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, and Missouri, as well as in-state groups from Vicksburg, Brandon, Jackson, West Point and Kosciusko.

Watson recognizes that the youth mission trip is a dual ministry. It often does as much for those on the trip and the

church back home as it does for those at the mission sight.

"God has some divine appointments," he said. "We pray for who will be here. A lot of little boys and girls will give their hearts to Jesus this week, but it also works both ways for the children of Pascagoula and for our youth," he added.

"We are in the business here of building memories, the kind of things to which kids can anchor their lives.

"I've got teens who will soon be in college. I hope we are planting something deep so that when they come to what God wants them to do with their lives they will remember this experience and consider what he wants," Watson said.

One of those teens is 17-year-old Jeremy Shuler of Springfield. This is his fifth mission trip.

"There is no experience like a mission trip," Shuler said. "It brings you closer to God so that you understand his power."

Shuler plans to attend college after graduating from high school next year and major in religion or Bible.

Reggie Barnes is a third grader from Pascagoula. He is one of 125 children who have been coming to the "Y" program every day this summer.

According to Reggie, this week has been special.

"I like coming here because its fun. I like basketball and football, and I learned about God," Reggie said.

When asked if he likes the youth from Missouri, Reggie smiles and says, "They be fun!"

James Denson is a school teacher and a coach during the year, but during the summer he serves as site director for the "Y" program.

Denson said the YMCA is



based on spiritual values and he feels the mission group serves to "enhance what we already do."

On the floor of the school library Triesa Lee tells the Gospel by helping children make bracelets of colored beads. She holds up a white bead and explains that the white stands for the purity of forgiveness of sins.

"All you have to do is ask Jesus to come into your heart to have your sins forgiven," she explained to Erica, a sixth grader from Moss Point.

After five days of hot, sweaty work, the Missouri youth packed up and headed for home with the satisfied feeling that lives have been changed.

Jeremy Shuler says, "We have made some real connections with some of the kids. The spirit has been working on some of them. Three or four have already accepted Christ."

"Everyone grows and is made closer to God (on a mission trip)," he observed. "We come back on a real high and we understand God in a new way."

TYING ON THE WORD — Missourian Triesa Lee helps Tarrence Coleman of Moss Point tie on his newly-made salvation bracelet at a crafts session during a recent missions trip to the Gulf Coast by First Church, Springfield, Mo. (Photo by Carl M. White)



IN HIS HANDS — Reggie Barnes (center) of Moss Point sits in the lap of Cara Lee (left) while watching In His Hands, puppet ministry of First Church, Springfield, Mo. The Missouri youth were in Moss Point earlier this summer on a mission trip. (Photo by Carl M. White)

Col. Hts., Jackson to host conference

Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, will host a Women's Conference on Sept. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme for the conference is "Fill my Cup Lord."

Emilie Barnes of Riverside, Calif., guest speaker, is co-founder of More Hours in My Day management seminar. The soloist for the conference will be Jeanna Crowder, a native of Ripley who currently resides in Jackson with her husband and their two children.

The fee of \$25 will include registration, materials, lunch, and childcare if registered by Aug. 27. For more information contact Colonial Heights Church at (601) 956-5000.

Testimony: Really knowing Jesus is a life-changer

By Matt Mauney, member
Morrison Heights Church, Clinton

When our junior high choir understood that Jesus' "Great Commission" was not an option but a command, we were ready to go to Birmingham, Ala., to share the gospel.

This journey became an incredible one for me and 55 other seventh and eighth grade students from Morrison Heights Church, Clinton.

We boarded our fleet of vans and a minibuss and headed out with faith that God would use these summer days to make a difference in the lives of brothers and sisters we had yet to meet.

I recalled Jesus' words as I looked out at the landscape rolling past: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com-



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manded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the ends of the world."

Two months before the trip our leaders had prayed and counseled with us. By the time we got to our destination we were ready to do battle with Satan for lost souls.

Our weapons were God's word, prayer, faith, hope, and love. The greatest of these is love! We saw first hand how God's love can overcome fear, shyness, hatefulness, greed, pride, and any other obstacle Satan can throw at us.

On this journey we had a wonderful opportunity to see how music is used as a great and powerful tool for God's purpose. We saw how language, sex, race, financial ratings, and cultural differences vanish when music is used as the great equalizer.

Music becomes a common language and a bond that draws God's creations together. We were reminded of the universe where even the stars sing to God's glory.

The gifts we took with us were used from the moment we arrived. We divided into three Back Yard Bible Club groups and were placed in different areas of Birmingham. All the groups were ready. Imagine the feeling my group had when nobody came to our

study that first day. Nobody!

For a short time I felt that strange sinking sensation called defeat. It lasted only a moment. After a prayer our leader, Stan Feener, called the troops together. He said something like this: "Get your walking shoes on and shine up your knocking knuckles. We are going out into the byways and highways for the Lord."

The next day we had twenty boys and girls in our Back Yard Bible Study.

What a great and wonderful time! We told about God's love and how Jesus came in love to save us and how the Holy Spirit is here guiding us and helping us.

We will never forget the faces and voices in Birmingham as they called upon the Lord to save and guide their lives.

One last thing — the very first day of our journey I saw my own need for a Savior. I saw the difference in head knowledge and heart knowledge and realized I had never put my entire life into the Lord's hands. My friend and choir director John Langworthy prayed with me and led me to turn my life over to my Lord and master Jesus Christ.

My life will never be the same.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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No more than one letter from any individual will be printed during a three-month period.

When in the judgement of the editor a given issue has received sufficient attention, correspondence dealing with it will no longer be published and a notice will be printed to that effect.

PASTOR WANTED

Editor:

We of Northwest Association have for several years gone to some churches in Wyoming to assist in Winter Bible Study. One of these churches in this pioneer mission area is seeking a new pastor, and I would like to share the following information with Mississippi Baptists.

Wanted: Pastor for growing church in Wyoming mission field. Ability to work well with youth and general membership with diverse background a must! Current attendance is 50-60 with excellent prospects for doubling. Full time position with home. Please send resume' to: Pulpit Committee, P.O. Box 117, Big Piney WY 83113. Telephone: Curt Parsons at (307) 276-3381.

John Perkins, Dir. Of Missions
Northwest Association
Hernando

MAKE THE TRIP

Editor:

I've been a part of the gospel ministry since 1965. I have pastored churches in Tennessee, Michigan and now in Mississippi. I had never been involved in a mission project in any other part of the United States nor in a foreign country.

That is no longer the case. I got the opportunity to take the place of another pastor in our association who was unable to go because of health reasons. The destination was Juneau, Alaska!

W.D. Kirk of Sunflower led the mission trip. Our mission was to assist a congregation — to join our efforts with theirs and paint their church.

One of the things that we have become accustomed to in our day is getting paid for the work we do! During the week we spent in Alaska, as we worked at Glacier Valley Baptist Church, I never heard a soul complain! I never heard an unkind word! I never saw an unkind gesture! What I did see was smiling faces, and heart-warming responses to the work we had done.

I wish to thank the membership of First Bellevue Church, Shelby, for their assistance and encouragement. I wish to thank Lucius Marion for filling my shoes behind our pulpit in my absence. I wish to thank all who were a part of the team — for the thousands of laughs and prayers and songs of the week.

I also want to encourage others to make their "first mission trip" a reality!

David W. Koons
Shelby

DISNEY HYPOCRISY?

Editor:

Well, look at us Southern Baptists. We finally took a stand against something—the dark side of Disney! Hurrah for us, but let's examine what our Baptist Sunday School Board (BSSB) is doing through its Baptist Book Store/Lifeway chain: "Speaking out of both sides of their mouth at the same time?"

To wit: BSSB supports the SBC boycott of Disney. If employees choose to wear apparel bearing the image of Disney characters, they face termination. At the same time, some Central Buys include quantities of Noah's Ark Music Boxes which play, of all things, "It's A Small World After All." Is this the message: "We support the boycott, you can't wear anything that represents Disney, but we can sell it!"

What's that I hear? Not to worry, Nashville, it's just Jesus saying, "Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites!"

Last weekend, there was a store-wide inventory at the Baptist Book Stores. The BSSB folks required this to be done on Sunday! What happened to Exodus 20:8-11? Customer service is a prime directive of the Book Store and rightly so, but when our Christian convictions have to be compromised because a customer might be inconvenienced, we've gone too far!

How are we supposed to "hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience" when headquarters is free to make its own rules?

If we are going to take a stand, should it not first be within our own ranks? Instead of exemplifying God's Word, they'll probably remember something like "Don't do as I do, do as I say do!"

So much for "Experiencing God!"

Benny Still, pastor
Poplar Springs Church
Mendenhall

HEED LORD'S MESSAGE

Editor:

I found an old Baptist Record written in 1969 with a message from Schuyler Batson, pastor of Emmanuel Church in Alexandria, La.: "Which Way, America?" It made me more thoughtful for our great convention we had this time. What great challenges we had from (SBC) President Tom Eliff and that message God gave Richard Land (executive director of the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission).

It seems some only see the things like our stand against Disney as business that must be taken care of and that's why we meet. Sure we have disagreements. Lots of times I've wanted to run away contending with a husband, three boys and a daughter but couldn't, so we just had to work things out because of love for one another. So it is with our churches.

I was able to be a part of that great call to prayer last year that was one of the greatest experiences of my life — those thousands on their knees on that concrete floor in repentance and prayers that laid the foundation for "To the Cross." May we each one heed the message from our Lord.

Olga Simmons
Myrtle

ITF CLARIFIED

Editor:

There are two statements in your (June 19) editorial which I would like to address.

(You stated) that the "appointed members of the ITF (Implementation Task Force)... were not very representative of all the people we seek to reach in the new century." While it would have been impossible for a ten-member task force to represent all the people groups Southern Baptists hope to reach in the years to come, I believe it would have been helpful if you had pointed out that this task force did include a woman and a prominent ethnic leader of Southern Baptists, Rudy Hernandez. I was that woman.

The second statement which I wish to address has to do with Coopers and Lybrand (consulting firm connected to gambling interests that was hired by ITF). I was very disappointed to see this matter revisited. I believe this matter was sufficiently dealt with and explained when it first came up months ago, and has no bearing on the finished restructuring process.

While we on the ITF knew that it would be impossible to please everyone, from the very beginning it was our desire to do all of our work "as unto the Lord" and for his glory. We shall always be grateful to the many Southern Baptists who diligently lifted us up in prayer.

Now we must earnestly pray for those who are engaged in the new endeavors which officially began on June 19.

Sarah O. Maddox
Brentwood, Tenn.

(Editor's note: Maddox is the daughter of the late Joe T. Odle, editor of The Baptist Record from 1959-76.)

Pastor C.Z. Holland dies

C.Z. Holland of Clinton, died July 27 at Methodist Hospital, Jackson. Funeral services were held July 29 at First Church, Clinton.

Holland was born in Vossburg, Miss., on June 22, 1904. After graduating from Mississippi College in 1929 he received his divinity degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and continued his studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Ruschlikon Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Holland held pastorates in several states including First Church, Newton, First Church, Canton, First Church, Jonesboro, Ark. His Newton pastorate included service as president of Clarke College.

Survivors include: his wife of 67 years, Annabelle Arledge Holland; sons Charles D. Holland, Beckley, W. Va., and James Holland and Robert E. Holland, Dallas, Texas; daughter Mary Ann Holland Anderson, Newport Beach, Calif.; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Daughter Rebecca Holland Wise died in 1992.

Disney generates opinions

In reference to the boycott of Disney, I advise all Southern Baptist to refer to Matthew chapter seven, verses one through five. Judge not lest you be judged. I rest my case.

Jack Little
Hamilton

Disney supports homosexuality? Of course. Disney's parks have taught and depicted evolution and humanism for years. Where the origin of God is denied, sin abounds.

Rob Jackson
Tupelo

The boycott is not only about homosexuality but most importantly the degeneration of Christian values in our families. If we don't stand up for the morality spelled out in God's word, all is lost.

Angela Holston
Raymond



What's your opinion on the Disney boycott? To appear in this space, sum up your opinion in 25 words or less, sign it, and mail it to "The Baptist Record," P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Please include your address and telephone number for verification purposes.

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Matthew 10:27 NAS

August 7, 1997

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August 1997

Area 9

7-8 Juniper Grove BC,
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6:30 p.m. Fri.-noon, Sat.

Call the Church Music Department for more information or registration forms at 1-800-748-1651 or in Jackson at 968-3800.



Rich In Christ Sunday

August 24, 1997

• **Rich In Christ** is a two-Sunday celebration and special offering designed to boost the church's budget receipts and to give the congregation confidence for renewing mission support commitments.

• All Mississippi Baptist churches are encouraged to set aside August 24 as a day of extraordinary giving. Set a goal to triple the average Sunday's offering. Together we can have a \$10,000,000 offering statewide. Also, lead the church to renew its commitment to Cooperative Program and associational missions giving. Seek to increase percentages or dollar amounts allocated in next year's budget for mission support.

• Back-to-school time offers an excellent opportunity for church members to catch up from the slump in summer attendance and giving. August is early enough in the budget-planning cycle for next year to make a positive impact on mission support.

• Order inspirational materials and envelopes from the Stewardship Department at (800) 748-1651 at no cost. Encourage your church to participate.

Pray this day for...

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August 8-21, 1997

Unanswered Yet

Unanswered yet? 'Nay, do not say 'ungranted'?
Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done.
The work began when first your prayer was uttered.
And God will finish what He has begun.
If you will keep the incense burning there.
His glory you shall see sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered:
Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock.
Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted.
Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock.
She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer.
And cries, "It shall be done!" sometime, somewhere.

- Robert Browning

Pray that the Vietnamese people will be delivered from the false belief of mysticism and superstition that are a part of their cultural heritage. Ask the Holy Spirit to open their blinded eyes to see the light of God in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Charles and Phyllis Hardie, Baptist representatives in Russia, give thanks that Alosha, the husband of Charles' language teacher, received Christ on May 25 in their home in Novosibirsk. Pray with them for his spiritual growth.

Baptist representatives Butch and Joy Oglesby, who are in language school in Germany, have opportunities to share Christ with those in their language classes. Most of the students are non-Christians. Pray that they will be bold about sharing the Good News.

Praise God that many young, single ladies are coming to faith in Christ in China. This, however, leaves many of them desiring to marry without any Christian prospects. Pray that God would draw out countless young men into His kingdom.

For Reconciliation Seminar; Mt. Olive MB Church, Hattiesburg; 7 pm, 12th-noon, 13th, sponsored by Missions Extension and Associational Administration. Pray for Christian parents in Japan to witness to their children, and pray for a more fervent witness by Christians to their unsaved spouses.

For the Basic/Advanced Certification Seminar; Camp Garaywa; 8 am, 19th-6 pm, 21st, sponsored by Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries. Pray for the Scripture billboard and newspaper and project in The Gambia which is designed to present God's Word in both Mandinka and English.

Indonesia is the fourth largest country in the world with a population of 200 million and more than half of the people have no opportunity to hear the gospel. Plead with God to call out laborers dedicated to witnessing in the hard places in Indonesia.

The Luzon Convention of Southern Baptist Churches in the Philippines has a goal of 1,781 churches by the year 2001. Pray that churches will join together and faithfully work to accomplish this task.

Pray for the Lord to call out and equip for effective ministry Spirit filled pastors and deacons for every Baptist congregation in Malaysia.

Pray for the Billy Graham evangelistic meetings this fall in the San Francisco Bay Area. They will be in the main cities of the Bay Area: in the San Jose Arena, beginning September 26; the Cow Palace in San Francisco, beginning October 9; and in the Oakland Coliseum, beginning on October 25.

For Town & Country Church Music Conference; Wade BC, Pascagoula. Armed conflict on Mindanao, Philippines, has created a situation where there are thousands of evacuees from a particular unreached people group. Pray for positive results from a relief effort by missionaries and a Filipino doctor. This effort gave opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ in an area that until now has been inaccessible.

For the State Worship Conference; Baptist Building; 9 am-4 pm, sponsored by the Witness Team. Pray for more workers to be called to North Africa.

Give thanks for the Lord's protection and guidance in getting Mississippi missionaries Felix and Dene Greer out of Sierra Leone safely at the end of May. Pray for them as they temporarily serve in Ghana with the hope they can eventually get back in Liberia.

The new president of the China Christian Council, Mr. Han Wen Zao, recently spoke of the needs of churches in China, particularly the training of rural church leaders so that new Christians will not be misled by heretical teachings. Pray for increased opportunities for the training of church leaders and for Amity Foundation to be able to publish more teaching material.

Come Go With Me...

...to the

Women's Celebration Retreat

October 10-11

Camp Lake Stephens, Oxford

Enjoy an overnight retreat from Friday night till Saturday morning to draw away from everyday tasks and to rest in the Lord. You will have a great time of fun, friendship, and spiritual renewal with other Christian women from Mississippi. For more information, call Edna Ellison at 1-800-748-1651 or 601-968-3800.



The following is a listing of contributions made to the Lord's work which were processed through the Business Office of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from January 1, 1997 through June 30, 1997. If you have any questions about the amounts reported for your church, please contact the Business Office at 968-3800 or 1-800-748-1651.

	COOP. PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
ADAMS			
CALVARY	818.34	1186.97	2005.31
CLIFF TEMPLE	8100.14	464.42	13564.56
CRANFELD	882.99	966.89	1849.88
FBC NATCHEZ	41403.70	135764.90	177168.60
IMMANUEL	6976.60	5345.00	12321.60
MORGANTOWN	9848.21	11911.90	21760.11
NEW HOPE	25053.29	11833.77	36887.06
SPRINGFIELD	1584.80	1177.70	2762.50
STANTON	521.46	561.76	1083.22
WASHINGTON	10230.82	6436.04	16666.86
TOTAL	119151.59	196255.71	315407.30
ALCORN			
ANTIOCH	2009.99	2479.26	4489.25
BETHLEHEM	1103.39	3236.36	4339.75
BRUSH CREEK	72.28	100.00	172.28
CALVARY	2251.53	3543.47	5795.00
COUNTY LINE	360.00	1802.36	2162.36
DANVILLE	181.30	314.28	495.58
EAST CORINTH	5173.35	3644.14	8817.49
FBC BIGGERSVILLE	2247.43	2425.36	4672.79
FBC CORINTH	53130.49	31559.00	84689.49
GLENDAL	3300.00	3136.00	6436.00
HINKLE	5856.62	2479.42	8336.04
HOLLY	2148.84	5158.17	7307.01
JACINTO	869.55	744.87	1614.42
KEMPS CHAPEL	676.79	2156.32	2833.11
KENDRICK	36.60	735.43	772.03
KOSUTH FIRST	2180.01	2367.05	4547.06
LIBERTY HILL	545.00		545.00
LOVE OAK		400.00	400.00
LOVE JOY	500.00	1300.00	1800.00
NORTH CORINTH		200.00	200.00
OAKLAND	23938.49	22162.30	46100.79
RIENZI	5387.56	1287.69	6675.25
SHILOH	4687.97	9426.25	14114.22
SOUTH CORINTH		940.00	940.00
TATE	38730.02	35218.20	73948.22
TSUMINGO CHAPEL	1445.11	1523.54	2968.65
TUSCUMBIA	1071.47	1607.19	2678.66
UNION	2081.69	3668.94	5750.63
UNITY	203.32	2031.65	2234.97
WEST CORINTH	6324.78	8215.43	14540.21
WHEELER GROVE	12498.14	4862.18	17360.32
TOTAL	184212.12	167934.86	352146.98
ATLANTA			
ASSOCIATION	60.00	360.00	420.00
BEAR CREEK		120.00	120.00
BEREA	775.00	1520.00	2295.00
BOWLIN	36.00	18.00	54.00
CARSON RIDGE	31.00	31.00	62.00
COUNTY LINE	1466.00	2106.00	3572.00
DOY SPRINGS		634.37	634.37
EDGEFIELD	285.00	288.00	573.00
ETHEL	378.00	30.00	408.00
FBC KOSCIUSKO	58332.51	41286.84	99619.35
HURRICANE	244.35	469.48	713.83
ISRAEL	816.45	2334.30	3150.75
MACADAMS	4320.33	8616.59	12936.92
MACCOLE	4184.18	4988.62	9172.80
NEW SALEM	338.03	363.03	701.06
PARKWAY	7650.12	8301.88	15952.00
PEELER MEMORIAL	197.00	297.00	494.00
PILGRIMS REST	1068.07	1420.49	2488.56
SALLIS	2857.47	5900.16	8757.63
SAND HILL	7001.08	1217.32	8218.40
SECOND KOSCIUSKO	5313.00	4350.50	9663.50
SPRINGDALE	2709.13	3299.57	6008.70
UNITY	773.00	773.00	1546.00
WILLIAMSVILLE	11713.51	15532.97	27246.48
YOCKANOOKANY	805.85	1818.30	2624.15
ZAMA	385.43	931.19	1316.62
TOTAL	109447.41	110207.61	219655.02
BENTON-TIPPAH			
ACADEMY	1927.36	2589.55	4516.91
ASHLAND	8370.37	11290.78	19661.15
BLUFF SPRINGS	985.00	1130.58	2115.58
CALVARY	250.00	1035.50	1285.50
CHALVATE	1445.00	4208.00	5653.00
COMMUNITY	849.01	620.00	1469.01
CONCORD	833.30	1709.23	2542.53
DRY CREEK	200.06	1097.01	1297.07
DUMAS	12061.79	5578.46	17640.25
FAITH	635.50	615.00	1250.50
FALKNER	3643.00	966.49	4609.49
FBC HICKORY FLAT	4988.00	4060.00	9048.00
FBC RIPLEY	57028.24	21776.25	78804.49
FELLOWSHIP	4198.61	6582.17	10780.78
FLAT ROCK	452.58	1543.87	1996.45
HAMILTON	500.00	457.00	957.00
HARMONY	6030.15	7438.58	13468.73
HEBANON	6113.16	1430.64	7543.80
LOWERY MEMORIAL	2963.21	7109.73	10072.94
MACDONIA		80.00	80.00
MT HEBRON	390.00	800.00	1190.00
MT OLIVE	801.06	980.20	1781.26
NORTH RIPLEY	292.53	885.07	1177.60
OAKLAND	3399.22	3988.62	7387.84
PALMER	5565.98	4868.87	10434.85
PEOPLES	940.16	1273.14	2213.30
PINE GROVE DUMAS	3217.49	2281.74	5499.23
PINE GROVE HICKORY FLAT		620.01	620.01
PLEASANT HILL	101.64	101.63	203.27
PLEASANT HILL ASHLAND	135.00	1008.00	1143.00
PROVIDENCE	3715.81	2426.13	6141.94
SHADY GROVE	1663.71	1748.14	3411.85
SPRINGDALE	5714.27	7988.63	13702.90
TIPLERSVILLE	1153.82	1097.49	2251.31
TURNERS CHAPEL		1384.00	1384.00
WALNUT	1846.45	2474.55	4321.00
WEST RIPLEY	17478.12	11681.46	29159.58
WILKINTOWN		1482.34	1482.34
TOTAL	155132.14	132659.08	287791.22
BOLIVAR			
BENOIT	4480.31	3305.61	7785.92
CALVARY	6135.91	5784.66	11920.57
CHINESE		900.00	900.00
DUNCAN	450.00	150.00	600.00
FBC BOYLE	3500.00	8105.98	11605.98
FBC CLEVELAND	49999.96	46659.27	96659.23
FBC ROSEDALE	1927.88	4381.18	6309.06
FIRST BELIEVERS	900.00	4850.00	5750.00
GUINNESS	872.60	1081.40	1953.00
IMMANUEL	8848.14	10205.44	19053.58
INTERSTATE	3021.39	1885.16	4906.55
MERIGOLD	1250.85	790.42	2041.27
MORRISON CHAPEL	4352.36	3124.73	7477.09
PACE	1111.19	1681.93	2793.12
PROVIDENCE	589.00	6516.81	7105.81
SHAW	1948.50	4343.61	6292.11
SKENE	1472.99	9068.66	10541.65
SOUTHSIDE	611.25	349.74	960.99
YALE STREET	107743.71	2984.78	6001.86
TOTAL	107743.71	114269.28	222012.99
CALHOUN			
ASSOCIATION		10.00	10.00
ANTIOCH	810.38	1169.86	1980.24
BANNER	2292.56	3290.535	5583.09
BETHANY	6300.00	12177.00	18477.00
BIG CREEK	11642.69	13100.19	24742.88
BRADFORD CHAPEL	1292.31	3873.81	5166.12
CALVARY	755.95		755.95
COLLEGE HILL	131.60	2206.68	2338.28
CONCORD	1048.15	3804.17	4852.32
DERMA	17092.55	6202.94	23295.49

	COOP. PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
DRIVERS FLAT	145.00	65.00	210.00
DUNCAN HILL	695.00		695.00
ELLARD	1418.29	919.63	2337.92
FBC BRUCE	27225.32	16511.25	43736.57
FBC CALHOUN CITY	28920.00	29106.32	58026.32
FBC VARDAMAN	14075.58	6778.31	20853.89
LANTRIP	100.00	100.00	200.00
LOVE		150.00	150.00
MACDONIA	1122.86	1907.69	3030.55
MIDWAY	737.14	491.42	1228.56
MT COMFORT	1667.61	1641.49	3309.10
MT MORIAH	6045.14	5066.98	11112.12
MT TABOR	300.00	300.00	600.00
NEW HOPE	602.16	638.72	1240.88
NEW LIBERTY	1207.80	2573.80	3781.60
NEW PROVIDENCE	1093.64	4232.70	5317.34
OAK GROVE	486.00	494.00	980.00
OLDTOWN	2175.29	3414.82	5590.11
PARKER	884.10	176.82	1060.92
PILGRIMS REST	60.00	30.00	90.00
PITTSBORO	3441.82	3301.27	6743.09
PLEASANT HILL	3780.32	5084.78	8865.10
PLEASANT RIDGE	1680.00	3236.19	4916.19
POPLAR SPRINGS	408.24	964.76	1373.00
ROCKY BRANCH	523.02	1882.82	2405.84
ROCKY MOUNT	785.24	336.24	1121.48
SABOUGLA	428.44	2573.80	3002.24
SECONDO	556.44	1185.96	1742.40
SECOND CALHOUN	540.00	1693.00	2233.00
SHILOH	1034.80	10480.83	11515.63
SPRING HILL	1378.80	1203.64	2582.44
TURKEY CREEK	48.00	350.01	398.01
WESTSIDE	1843.54	2290.09	4133.63
TOTAL	151675.48	155945.02	307620.50
CARROLL			
BLACK HAWK	343.26	514.89	858.15
CALVARY	876.86	2335.35	3212.21
CARROLLTON	22340.62	12064.39	34405.01
CENTERVILLE	845.53	218.80	1064.33
COILA		118.00	118.00
HARMONY	600.00	1025.00	1625.00
HICKORY GROVE	309.61	394.61	704.22
LIBERTY	1041.60	1948.02	2989.62
MAISON	1993.00	2928.00	4921.00
MCCARLEY	1167.00	336.00	1503.00
MT OLIVE	5802.57	7581.83	13384.40
MT PISCAG	3013.01	2917.83	5930.84
NEW BETHEL	1093.03	1848.68	2941.71
NORTH CARROLLTON	3714.00	4739.56	8453.56
PROVIDENCE	2489.35	2463.82	4953.17
SHILOH	570.00	447.00	1017.00
VAIDEN	6631.85	19180.31	25812.16
VALLEY HILL	752.66	1338.66	2091.32
TOTAL	53583.95	62670.75	116254.70
CHICKASAW			
AMITY	584.51	771.86	1356.37
ARBOR GROVE	1750.02	1518.17	3268.19
BETHEL	2568.39	2572.72	5141.11
CARNATION	1553.10	182.00	1735.10
FBC HOULKA	5515.65	3597.05	9112.70
FBC HOUSTON	43661.04	8504.11	52165.15
FBC OKOLONA	16817.00	11953.90	28770.90
FBC WOODLAND	1856.29	414.94	2271.23
FELLOWSHIP		262.00	262.00
MT OLIVE	311.39	569.98	881.37
NEW PROSPECT	180.00	185.00	365.00
PARKWAY	7340.79	2296.00	9636.79
PLEASANT GROVE	868.90	1999.20	2868.10
PLEASANT RIDGE	2500.00	815.00	3315.00
SCHOONER VALLEY		200.00	200.00
SHILOH	957.03	4185.00	5142.03
VAN VLEET	1446.00	163.00	1609.00
TOTAL	87912.11	40189.93	128102.04
CHOCTAW			
ACKERMAN	12951.00	10630.30	23581.30
BETHLEHEM	90.00	700.00	790.00
BLUFF SPRINGS	225.00	950.00	1175.00
BLUTH CREEK	1880.00	3287.00	5167.00
CHESTER	753.07	4352.07	11885.04
CONCORD	186.82	721.73	908.55
CROSS ROADS	127.70	469.84	597.54
FELLOWSHIP	2182.98	2801.76	4984.74
FENTRESS	915.00	775.00	1690.00
FRENCH CAMP	1076.70	3929.19	5005.89
MT MORIAH	1293.92	948.77	2242.69
MT PISCAG	2158.02	7278.44	9436.46
NEW HAVEN	1033.76	1584.44	2618.20
NEW ZION	1043.88	337.38	1381.26
PROVIDENCE	500.00	500.00	1000.00
VICTORY	2358.57	1363.34	3721.91
WEIR	2352.12	13054.61	15396.73
TOTAL	41656.44	54978.05	96634.49
CLARKE			
ANTIOCH	420.57	830.00	1250.57
BUCATUNNA	677.04	449.26	1126.30
CALVARY	954.50	1258.60	2213.10
CANDLER RIDGE	2360.13	1622.62	3982.75
CHICKASAW	5088.00	4882.02	9970.02
E. PLEASANT GROVE	300.00	129.00	429.00
ELIM	1084.00	529.50	1613.50
ENTERPRISE	16416.61	15058.55	31475.16
FBC QUITMAN	25759.57	27686.12	53445.69
FBC STONEWALL	6346.50	5480.71	11827.21
HARMONY	3412.51	1546.00	4958.51
HEBRON RIDGE	515.04	1347.43	1862.47
HOUSTON	4881.84	2320.00	7201.84
KNIGHTS VALLEY	595.00	545.75	1140.75
MONT ROSE	931.55	981.52	1913.07
MT ZION	1017.06	2236.71	3253.77
OAK GROVE	1064.08	1617.51	2681.59
PACHUTA	375.00	1250.56	1625.56
PALATI	156.50	174.50	331.00
PINE GROVE	3745.00	4228.30	7973.30
PINE HILL	2217.87	2229.00	4446.87
PLEASANT GROVE	329.84	400.00	729.84
PLEASANT HILL	6998.37	6871.69	13870.06
ROLLING CREEK	1908.69	2100.00	4008.69
SHILBUTA	515.87	134.68	648.55
STANLEY	245.57	164.46	410.03
UNION	9110.95	9135.54	18246.49
TOTAL	99689.26	99100.35	198789.61
CLAY			
CALVARY	17678.76	5896.95	23575.71
CEDAR BLUFF	1563.20	319.00	1882.20
ENON	529.33	213.00	742.33
FAITH	1185.73	2885.12	4070.85
FBC WEST POINT	27846.37	24996.55	52842.92
HEBRON	1200.00	1370.00	2570.00
HOPE	1042.50	700.00	1742.50
MCINTOSH	1262.32	25.17	1287.49
PHEBA	325.28	2283.52	2608.80
SILAO	1700.00	3642.13	5342.13
TRINITY	800.00	1368.40	2168.40
WEST END	5470.18	7882.58	13352.76
TOTAL	63560.67	54114.42	117675.09
COPIAH			
ANTIOCH	1818.52	243.00	2061.52
BETHEL	2687.00	5173.77	7860.77
COUNTY LINE	250.00	1647.63	1897.63
DAMASCUS	240.76	576.72	817.48
FBC CRYSTAL SPRINGS	38913.00	24561.89	63474.89
FBC HAZLEHURST	16500.00	14523.50	31023.50
GALILEE	200.00		200.00
GALLMAN	2767.00	4802.19	7569.19
GATESVILLE	358.94	199.41	558.35
GEORGETOWN	3662.53	8405.26	12067.79
HARMONY	3141.00	12810.28	15951.28
HILL AND	357.45	914.52	1271.97
HOPEWELL	593.28	514.52	1107.80
NEW PROVIDENCE	1737.00	369.00	3106.00
NEW ZION	4822.21	12737.36	17559.57
PEARL VALLEY	2847.84	2822.85	5670.69
PILGRIMS REST	5341.00	4463.00	9804.00
POPLAR SPRINGS	400.00	727.00	1127.00
ROCKY HILL	120.06	137.06	257.12
SARDIS	874.98	4543.28	5418.26
SHADY GROVE	439.14	6113.25	6552.39
SMYRNA	1498.00	2003.00	3501.00
SPRING HILL	839.00	832.00	1671.00
STRONG HOPE	5808.00	4496.39	10304.39
SYLVARENA	2886.90	1868.00	4754.90
WALKER	849.00	137.73	986.73
WESTSIDE	175.00	50.00	225.00
ZION HILL	1430.00	2227.08	3657.08
TOTAL	113002.21	135967.96	248970.17
COVINGTON-JEFF DAVIS			
ANTIOCH	1276.91	1900.00	3176.91
BASSFIELD	4000.02	2979.75	6979.77
BETHANY	7049.87	6514.94	13564.81
CALHOUN	1616.51	1636.80	3253.31
CARSON	1774.49	1762.00	3536.49
COLD SPRINGS	7478.71	5514.05	12992.76

	COOP. PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
FBC OVETT	1720.43	1953.97	3674.40
FBC SHARON	16972.00	11594.91	28566.91
FBC SOSO	2339.54	8008.37	10347.91
FELLOWSHIP	4046.64	1001.00	5047.64
FREEDOM	7657.10	7000.00	14657.10
FRIENDSHIP	1359.80	972.00	2331.80
GLADE	12752.20	7732.46	20484.66
GRACE	1312.69	2525.56	3838.25
HARMONY	5554.53	4003.94	9558.47
HEBROON	6987.90	4131.85	11119.75
HIGHLAND	25949.19	17384.52	43333.71
HILL CREST	2057.90	120.00	2177.90
HOUSTON ROAD	2803.96	6131.29	8935.25
INDIAN SPRINGS	16888.20	9714.74	26602.94
LAWN HAVEN	1724.24	1508.95	3233.19
LOWERY CREEK	4647.22	5475.15	10122.37
MAGNOLIA	7163.83	7683.82	14847.65
MOSELLE MEMORIAL	8641.11	6716.80	15357.91
MYRICK	2769.90	1504.15	4273.05
NEW HOPE	2487.60	1177.78	3665.38
OAKLAND GROVE	8296.11	1769.60	10065.71
PARK HAVEN		241.00	241.00
PECAN GROVE	1875.72	2415.33	4291.05
PINE GROVE	7181.00	4465.58	11646.58
PLAINWAY	9096.27	6292.15	15388.42
PLEASANT HOME	8447.97	4732.22	13180.19
SALEM HEIGHTS	11187.00	1014.00	12201.00
SAND HILL	6129.98	2452.67	8582.65
SANDERSVILLE	12031.51	4450.24	16481.75
SECOND AVENUE	5750.00	11376.74	17126.74
SHELTON	2912.52	1289.25	4201.77
SUMMERLAND	9161.15	3691.17	12852.32
TRINITY	13402.50	10391.57	23794.07
TUCKERS CROSSING	7783.42	7992.74	15776.16
UNITY	3750.00	2845.60	6595.60
WEST ELLISVILLE	14475.60	9949.52	24425.12
WEST LAUREL	22103.43	16416.99	38520.42
WILDWOOD	6474.44	7062.12	13536.56
TOTAL	419338.00	254092.69	673430.69
KEMPER			
BAY SPRINGS	905.51	730.00	1635.51
BLACKWATER	1225.07	3667.40	4892.47
BLUFF SPRINGS	667.00		667.00
CENTER RIDGE	3500.00	3996.00	7496.00
CORINTH	526.88	437.00	963.88
DEARBORN	5300.00	450.80	5750.80
LIBERTY	2600.00	2067.00	4667.00
SALEM	400.00	425.00	825.00
SCOONIA	6361.28	8213.28	14574.56
UNION HILL	1238.24	11760.99	12999.23
VARDAMAN	689.17	201.00	890.17
WALHALLA	268.00	689.17	957.17
TOTAL	23684.16	26409.74	50093.90
LAFAYETTE			
ANCHOR	13440.00	10805.90	24245.90
CALVARY	2100.00	2060.01	4160.01
CLARK CREEK	7541.25	1478.90	9020.15
COLLEGE HILL HTS.	3212.95	6839.48	10052.43
DELAY	653.00	653.00	1306.00
DENMARK	189.91	81.39	271.30
FBC ABBEVILLE	8303.73	15006.84	23310.57
FBC OXFORD	43467.49	43119.00	86586.49
HARMON TOWN	11880.01	8688.78	20568.79
NEW ELBETH	1894.50	4080.19	5974.69
NEW HOPE	424.22	574.22	998.44
NEW PROSPECT	13408.00	1788.23	15196.23
NORTH OXFORD	50918.05	40250.50	91168.55
PARIS		150.00	150.00
PHILADELPHIA	1104.00	6407.00	7511.00
SHILOH	4293.67	3687.00	7980.67
TAYLOR	141.14	2380.75	2521.89
TEMPLE HEIGHTS	1019.62	2655.98	3675.60
TRINITY	120.00	30.00	150.00
TULA	2718.30	2184.44	4902.74
UNION WEST	346.62	1259.52	1606.14
YELLOW LEAF	4298.93	8852.69	13151.62
TOTAL	172749.39	166518.18	339267.57
LAMAR			
AUTUMN RIDGE	200.00	889.00	1089.00
BAXTERVILLE	1491.76	1158.98	2650.74
BELLEVUE	7874.98	3499.82	11374.80
CALVARY	1689.21	9404.95	11094.16
COAL TOWN	424.76	1808.00	2232.76
CORINTH	1804.00	1808.00	3612.00
FBC LUMBERTON	4742.48	8825.85	13568.33
FBC OLOH	11051.92	5241.74	16293.66
FBC PURVIS	41085.42	18516.62	59602.04
FBC SUMRALL	18829.89	25151.96	43981.85
GOOD HOPE	398.03	55.60	453.63
GREENWICH	982.94	982.94	1965.88
HICKORY GROVE	2127.00	3059.65	5186.65
IMMANUEL	18996.58	16209.10	35205.68
MILKARY	900.00	1159.65	2059.65
OKAHOLA	2381.91	3145.39	5527.30
ORCHARD	4909.03	1820.00	6729.03
RICHBURG	998.62	5349.64	6348.26
TRINITY	380.00	337.24	717.24
TOTAL	124891.89	107599.14	232491.03
LAURELDALE			
ARKADELPHIA	2927.00	1571.00	4498.00
ARROWOOD	579.00	1028.00	1607.00
BAILEY	7859.45	4764.68	12624.13
BETHANY	2345.00	1020.80	3365.80
CALVARY	4500.00	11557.96	16057.96
CARMEL	3589.80	2995.16	6584.96
CAUSEVILLE	8451.84	5111.46	13563.30
CENTER GROVE	2355.10	1507.05	3862.15
DALEVILLE	375.00	620.00	995.00
EIGHTH AVENUE	3395.09	5376.85	8771.94
FBC COLLINGSVILLE	33696.08	21161.86	54857.94
FBC LAURELDALE	10652.80	2421.61	13074.41
FBC MARION	8970.08	10541.15	19511.23
FBC MERIDIAN	47588.11	53477.20	101065.31
FELLOWSHIP	8993.61	4901.71	13895.32
FIFTEENTH AVENUE	29721.68	16857.46	46579.14
GOODWATER	7408.50	1080.50	8489.00
HEBROON	11658.56	16071.33	27729.89
HICKORY GROVE	630.00	890.00	1520.00
HIGHLAND	50928.35	31664.30	82592.65
KEWANEE	300.00	1650.00	1950.00
LIBERTY	4484.00	7273.03	11757.03
LONG CREEK	111.00	114.00	225.00
MACDONALD	4880.49	6370.48	11250.97
MEEHAN	923.64	1245.81	2169.45
MIDWAY	39281.55	21221.67	60503.22
MT GILEAD	4487.69	4938.93	9426.62
MT HOBBS	2371.73	2432.54	4804.27
MT OLIVE	1000.00	1597.50	2597.50
MT VERNON	3940.66	6953.16	10893.82
MT VIEW	940.79	483.31	1424.10
NEW HOPE	12554.16	13322.38	25876.54
NORTHCREST	27154.16	3194.58	30348.74
NORTHEAST	2037.84	2545.29	4583.13
OAK GROVE	7105.50	12664.56	19770.06
OAKLAND HEIGHTS	9640.46	7729.09	17369.55
PINE FOREST	45916.44	45214.82	91131.26
POPLAR SPRINGS DR.	10516.00	22282.40	32798.40
RUSSELL	600.00	2643.00	3243.00
SALEM	15950.81	14861.17	30811.98
STATE BOULEVARD	21313.71	29121.74	50435.45
TOOMSOUBA	5652.33	4988.64	10640.97
TRINITY	104.00	104.00	208.00
WESTWOOD	17954.50	12353.02	30307.52
TOTAL	481847.56	426122.03	907969.59
LAWRENCE			
ANTIOCH	1072.99	991.25	2064.24
ARM	9590.09	2544.88	12134.97
BETHEL	8195.00	4917.98	13112.98
CALVARY	5075.78	1886.83	6962.61
CROOKED CREEK	3633.77	1864.75	5498.52
FAITH	749.00	762.50	1511.50
HEPZIBAH	640.84	2593.50	3234.34
JAYESS	925.00	1213.53	2138.53
MONTICELLO	2956.73	22152.48	25109.21
NEW HEBROON	28206.42	14726.84	42933.26
NEW HOPE	3357.10	2377.25	5734.35
NEW ZION	2700.00	2063.00	4763.00
NOLA	754.40	288.60	1043.00
OAKVALE	2826.38	2387.24	5213.62
OLD SILVER CREEK	3251.04	6537.27	9788.31
PROVIDENCE	4650.50	6537.27	11187.77
SALUS VALLEY	564.35	1683.35	2247.70
SHILOH	781.35	395.32	1176.67
SHILOH	13517.91	6715.74	20233.65
TOPEKA	2173.14	3355.81	5528.95
WANILLA	1022.76	1919.24	2942.00
TOTAL	124254.55	93557.58	217812.13

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
LEAKE			
BETHEL	300.00	600.00	900.00
CEDAR GROVE	412.22	824.44	1236.66
CONWAY		325.00	325.00
CORINTH	3043.93	8220.36	11264.29
EMMANUEL	992.69	1939.49	2932.18
FBC CARTHAGE	12228.95	10052.53	22281.48
FREENY	1729.69	3669.70	5399.39
GOOD HOPE	1348.92	1655.00	3003.92
LENA	3454.76	5113.70	8568.46
MADDERN	4728.60	4968.47	9697.07
MIDWAY	213.40	693.40	906.80
MT SARCEL	200.00	950.00	1150.00
MT ZION	2218.43	2924.31	5142.74
NEW HOPE	726.25	1276.25	2002.50
NEW PROSPECT	57.00	114.00	171.00
NEW PROVIDENCE	387.00	40.00	427.00
NEW ZION	273.35	801.00	1074.35
PLEASANT HILL	1471.46	3448.46	4919.92
REMOUS	100.00	1116.70	1216.70
RENFROE		295.00	295.00
ROCKY POINT	1897.41	2545.09	4442.50
SALEM	1360.10	1225.00	2585.10
SPRINGFIELD	605.78	2147.72	2753.50
STANDING PINE	1003.58	1722.15	2725.73
TUNAWAY	2441.00	6214.00	8655.00
TRINITY	3271.33	1598.07	4869.40
TUSCULA	5032.40	5711.69	10744.09
TRINITY	1026.32	1648.00	2674.32
WALNUT GROVE	3907.21	8116.61	12023.82
WIGGINS	639.45	1462.45	2101.90
TOTAL	55071.23	81418.59	136489.82
LEBANON			
ASSOCIATION		500.00	500.00
BEACON	1506.61	1844.59	3351.20
CALVARY	8220.00	5872.10	14092.10
CARTERVILLE	26024.35	11857.47	37881.82
CREEVIEW	2210.00	235.00	2445.00
DIXIE	12392.50	22049.79	34442.29
EASTBACHIE	859.62	2016.49	2876.11
FBC BROOKLYN	4153.36	3013.65	7167.01
FBC CARNES	1470.00	1264.00	2734.00
FBC GLENDALE	14122.85	12283.68	26406.53
FBC HATTIESBURG	97568.88	78411.08	175979.96
FBC MCCLAURIN	3030.44	5326.02	8356.46
FBC PETAL	20687.64	10682.04	31369.68
GRACE CHAPEL	425.11	1314.11	1739.22
GREENS CREEK	8744.39	3927.13	12671.52
LINCOLN ROAD	4521.84	4569.90	9091.74
LYNN RAY ROAD	1379.68	5492.20	6871.88
MACEDONIA	2927.34	6662.36	9589.70
MAIN STREET	39696.44	28406.00	68102.44
MAYBANK	4608.16	3305.14	7913.30
NEW HOPE	361.94	189.00	550.94
NINETEENTH AVE.	4850.59	3799.02	8649.61
NORTH 31ST AVE.		329.45	329.45
NORTHSIDE	55.00	55.00	110.00
PETAL HARVEY	32327.00	19140.33	51467.33
PINEVIEW	5852.36	2464.82	8317.18
PROVIDENCE	1420.00	25943.28	27363.28
RAWLINS SPRINGS	10925.47	6103.57	17029.04
RIDGECREST	835.38	1175.44	2010.82
SOUTH 28TH AVENUE	2355.67	1837.92	4193.59
SUNRISE	7740.66	4830.03	12570.69
TEMPLE HATTIESBURG	115695.05	68423.34	184118.39
THIRTY EIGHTH AVE.	17061.17	1729.12	18790.29
TINNEY	2883.43	1018.35	3901.78
UNIVERSITY	372.37	12133.08	12505.45
TOTAL	490109.30	375772.63	865881.93
LEE			
ASSOCIATION		909.50	909.50
AUBURN	11398.50	10147.39	21545.89
BELDEN	19332.02	8572.83	27904.85
BETHANY	150.00	850.00	1000.00
BIRMINGHAM	2000.00		2000.00
BISSSEL	4564.13	2090.00	6654.13
BREWER	5053.81	2881.01	7934.82
CALVARY	14741.47	7441.27	22182.74
CAMP CREEK	5886.22	1192.13	7078.35
CHESTERVILLE	3271.21	2690.61	5961.82
DOTY CHAPEL	1836.16	2997.51	4833.67
EAST HEIGHTS	46934.37	14629.65	61564.02
EAST MT ZION	3158.45	3081.56	6240.01
FBC CLATUBBA	1813.83	655.00	2468.83
FBC GALLOWAYN	3227.36	10920.20	14147.56
FBC GUNTOWN	2114.56	506.08	2620.64
FBC NETTLETON	6532.16	1232.00	7764.16
FBC PLANTERSVILLE	9315.00	5553.22	14868.22
FBC SALTILLO	26335.01	8166.66	34501.67
FBC SHANNON	6811.54	3420.68	10232.22
SKYLINE TUPELO	20193.51	56506.78	76700.29
FBC VERONA	23194.04	15722.00	38916.04
GRACE MEMORIAL	1050.00	2690.14	3740.14
HARRISBURG	116427.96	51001.15	167429.11
LIMESTONE	495.50	695.50	1191.00
MACEDONIA	2987.59	3815.00	6802.59
MONUMENT DRIVE	1062.00	5630.78	6702.78
NEW HOPE	110.00	110.00	220.00
MT VERNON	1779.95	1759.96	3539.91
NEW HOPE	6097.00	3525.00	9622.00
OLD UNION	4380.30	2799.95	7180.25
PALESTINE	150.00	150.00	300.00
PALMETTO	1519.42	542.50	2061.92
PARKSIDE	200.00	40.00	240.00
PARKWAY	1566.00	11382.40	12948.40
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REVIVAL DATES

Mt. Gilead, Meridian: Aug. 17-20; Sunday, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Clay Chancellor, evangelist; Paul Barkley, Meridian, music; Buddy Petty, pastor.

Kennedy Springs (Simpson): Aug. 9-13; Sat., 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. 7 p.m.; Donnie Guy, evangelist; Ken Harrison, pastor.

First, Batesville: Aug. 10-13; Bobby Douglas, evangelist;

Tanner Riley, music; Alan Kilgore, pastor.

First Church of Runnelstown, Petal: Aug. 10-15; Sunday, Sunday School, 9 a.m., worship, 10 a.m., and dinner in fellowship hall; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Joe Royalty, Beaumont, evangelist; Marvin Miller, Rawls Springs Church, music; Henry Freeman, pastor.

Bethesda (Oktibbeha): Aug. 10-15; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.;

Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Bryant Benton, Steens, evangelist; Charlie and Gina Cotton, Macon, music; James Hutcherson, pastor.

Crossroads, Decatur: Aug. 11-15; 7 p.m. nightly; Don Savell, Union, evangelist; Bill Boykin, pastor.

Bissell, Tupelo: Aug. 10-13; 7:30 p.m. nightly; Marion "Bubba" Dees, Columbus, evangelist; Scotty Witcher, Tupelo, music; Jim Varnon, pastor.

Magee's Creek, Jayess: Aug. 11-13; services, 7 p.m.; James E.

Messer Sr., evangelist; Bernie Parker, Columbia, music; Justin Morgan, pastor.

Macedonia, Louisville: Aug. 10-13; 7 p.m. each evening; Wilburn Hill, Rutledge, Ga., evangelist; Carl Shelton, Ethelsville, Ala., music; Arnold Davis Sr., pastor.

Pilgrim's Rest, Ethel: Aug. 10-13; Sunday, 11 a.m., noon meal, and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Johnny Parks, Jerusalem Church, evangelist; Andy and Rose Ann Doty, McCool, music; Walter Hines, pastor.

Calhoun, Hot Coffee: Aug. 10-15; Sunday, 11 a.m.; 7 p.m. nightly; D. D. Benson, Laurel, evangelist; Hubert Greer, Wesson, music; Ronnie Purser, pastor.

Pelahatchie, Pelahatchie: Aug. 10-13; 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily; Bill Baker, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, music; Mike Glenn, pastor.

Hickory (Newton): Aug. 17-23; 11 a.m. daily and 7 p.m. nightly; John Temple, Madison, evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, Agricola, music; Rodney Anderson, pastor.

Rocky Point, Carthage: Aug. 24-27; services, 7 p.m.; James G. Messer, Theodore, Ala., evangelist; Leta Moore, Rocky Point, music; William T. Wright, pastor.

Dan and Joan Batchelor, missionaries to Ecuador, are in the States (address: 407 N. 38th Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401). He was born in San Angelo, Texas, and considers DeRidder, La., his hometown. She is the former Joan Cooley of DeRidder.

Virgil and Amy Cooper, missionaries, are on the field (address: Mongkok City Centre, 5th Floor, 74-84 Sai Yeung Choi St., S, Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong). He was born in Water Valley, and also lived in Aliceville, Ala., and Vicksburg. She is the former Amy Gunter of Andalusia, Ala.

Russell and Melinda Kyzar, representatives in Russia, are on the field (address: c/o UECB Russia, International Post Office, P.O. Box 171, Moscow, 101000 Russia). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Jackson and considers Natchez his hometown. The former Melinda Henderson, daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, was born in Columbia, and lived in South Korea; Yazoo City, Jackson, and Biloxi; and the Philippines.

Mike and Pam Osment, missionaries to Taiwan, are in the States (address: P.O. Box 248, Lyon, Miss. 38645). He was born in Lynwood, Calif., and considers Memphis, Tenn., his hometown. The former Pamela Owen, was born in Lake Charles, La., and also considers Memphis her hometown.

Garaywa ceremony postponed

The Sept. 6 groundbreaking for the new adult lodge planned for Camp Garaywa in Clinton has been postponed. A new date for the groundbreaking will be announced as soon as it is determined.

Revival Results

Siloam, Meadville: July 20-23; Roy Myers, Meadville Church, evangelist; Chuck McMinn, Meadville Church, music; David A. Crowe, pastor; one profession of faith and three by church letter.



MISSIONARY NEWS

Staying Well Informed

Foot Care For People With Diabetes

Susan was a successful mother of three who had just seen her last child off to college. She had a perfectly normal life, with one exception - she had lived with diabetes all of her adult life. Her doctors found Susan a model patient, who always stuck to a safe diet, got plenty of exercise and took her insulin like clockwork. But one day while tending roses in her garden, she stepped on a nail. The injury did not appear to be severe and was not painful, so she treated the wound with alcohol and forgot about it. One morning a few weeks later, she noticed blood in her shower. When she lifted her foot, she was horrified to find that the old injury had become infected, and the infection had spread throughout much of her foot. Susan's doctor informed her that immediate treatment was necessary because the injury had become so severe she might soon face amputation of her foot. He referred her to Baptist Medical Center's Foot Care Program. There, trained diabetic foot care specialists worked with her to treat her injury. A proven care regimen helped heal the injury and Susan kept her foot.

Susan's story has a happy ending, but for many diabetic patients the news is not as good. More than 60,000 foot and lower-leg amputations each year are necessary because injuries and other foot complications have gone untreated. Many diabetics experience a loss of sensation in their feet, and they may not feel the normal pain and discomfort of foot problems. These problems can often become serious and require drastic measures to keep the feet healthy.

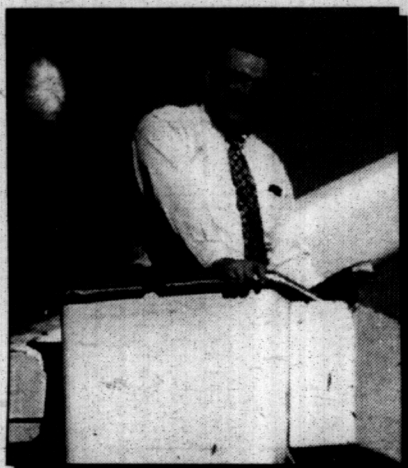
Baptist's new Amputation Prevention Technology Program, affiliated with Hinds Community College, educates nurses on ways to prevent and treat foot problems in people with diabetes. Patients receive preventive foot care information and learn how to inspect their feet daily for problems. For thousands of diabetics in Mississippi, this knowledge can be a lifesaver.

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John Hearn, pastor of Euclatubba Church, Saltillo, made a promise to his congregation if ever 100 was reached for Sunday School (total was 108) he would preach from the roof. "It was certainly a challenge for my members," said Hearn, "but it was worth it all."

Corrections

On page eight of the July 24 issue, Charles Wallace was incorrectly identified as pastor of First Church, Summit. He was minister of music and education at the church. It was a reporter's error.

On page one of the July 31 issue, Joe and Norma Powell were incorrectly identified as coordinators of the Mississippi/Venezuela Partnership. David Browder is the coordinator. It was a correspondent's error.



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JUST FOR THE RECORD



W.L. and Jacqueline Compere

First Church, Newton, will host a Special Recognition Service in honor of William Lowrey and Jacqueline Compere. The service will be held on Sunday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Church, Newton. A reception will be held following the service in the Family Life Center. Frank Harmon is pastor of First Church.



First Church, Eupora, recently dedicated a new Family Life Center and education building. The building includes classrooms, an elevator, a covered drive-through, a gymnasium with a stage, commercial kitchen, game room, equipment room, and office. The building committee was Boyd Edwards, chairman; David Faulkenberry; David Hood; Doris Johnson; Bonita Martin; Pearl Whitaker; Ted Wilson; Bill Yates; Steve Mitchell, chairman of deacons; Riley Brown, minister of youth and activities; and William S. Stewart, pastor. Pictured (from left) are Brown, Mitchell, Faulkenberry, Wilson, Whitaker, Johnson, Martin, Yates, Hood, Edwards, and Stewart.

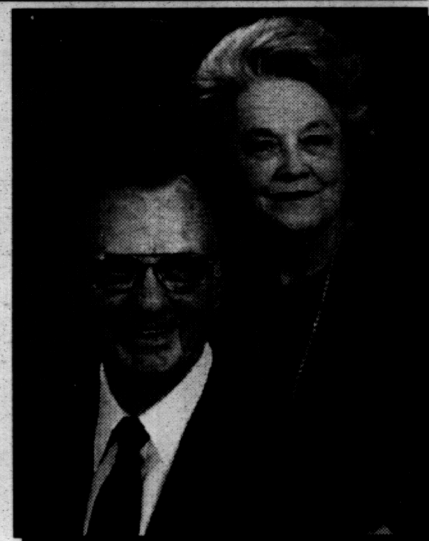


GAs of First Church, Gulfport, recently held a walkathon and raised over \$500 for the Baptist Children's Village. From left are Ashley Hunter, Allyson Goldman, Corinne Allen, Kristen Sharp, Jordan Young, Stacia Corey, Emily Scholes, Allie Peden, and Jana Gilreath. The GA director is Cindy Goldman.

BAPTIST COLLEGE NEWS

Mississippi College Samuel Marshall Gore Art Gallery will exhibit the work of Mississippian Robert Pickenpaugh Aug. 4-28. Pickenpaugh is known for his hand glazed pottery made of native Mississippi clay. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Gallery is located on campus on the fourth floor of Aven Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Burke of Hattiesburg have established a \$119,000 endowment to fund a major scholarship at William Carey College (WCC) to be known as the Jack F. and Molly B. Burke Scholarship.



Jack and Molly Burke

They have been long time supporters of WCC, having donated significant funds for library purchases. The first Jack F. and Molly B. Burke scholar will be named during the fall trimester and annually thereafter.

HOMEcomings

Fernwood, Gulfport: Aug. 10; 10:45 a.m., praise service will follow meal; Ed Bolton, guest speaker; Paul B. Oglesbee Jr., pastor.

New Prospect, Brookhaven: Aug. 10; services, 10 a.m.; noon meal; 1:30 p.m. singing; Gene Douglas, Louisiana, guest speaker; Terry Walker, Brookhaven, guest singer; Willie Welch, pastor.

Magee's Creek, Jayess: Aug. 10; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; preaching, 10:45 a.m.; noon meal; 1:15 p.m. singing; Michael Knippers, Tylertown, guest speaker; The Dunaways, Kokomo, and The Divide Trio, Monticello, music; Justin Morgan, pastor.

Little Bahala (Lincoln): Aug. 10; 11 a.m., noon meal, and afternoon singing; Mon-

Fri., 7 p.m.; Duane Brooks, Cedar Park, Texas, guest speaker; Tom Moak, music; Wayne Gray, pastor.

Jerusalem (Attala): Aug. 10; services, 10:30 a.m., followed by covered dish luncheon and singing in the afternoon featuring Proclamation! and Born Again; Bobby Waggoner, director of missions, Attala Association, guest speaker; Johnny Parks is pastor.

Cedar View (Northwest): Aug. 10; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; noon meal; 1:30 p.m. gospel music

with The Messengers and The Tone Masters; Ervin Brown, guest speaker; Edgar Schulker, pastor.

East Pleasant Grove, Quitman: Aug. 17; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; noon meal; afternoon service; Mike Smith, former pastor, guest speaker; Albert Creel, pastor.

Pine Hill, Enterprise: Aug. 24; services, 10:30 a.m., dinner in fellowship hall followed by singing in the afternoon; Pete Pearson, Mendenhall, former pastor, guest speaker.

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JUST FOR THE RECORD

Calvary Church, Columbus, observed Pastor Appreciation Day on July 20 to honor its pastor, Roy D. Hawkins, and his wife Patsy, for 17 years of service. They were presented a bound book of "Love Letters" and a love offering. Lunch was

served after the morning worship service in their honor.

State Choir Leadership Clinic for preschool, children, and youth, will be held Aug. 22-23 at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. The schedule for Friday

will be 6-9:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$5 per person. No pre-registration required. For more information, call the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, at (601) 968-3800 or 1-800-748-1651.



"Friends in the Faith," will lead the worship service for Farmhaven Church, Canton, on Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. in a special Sunday night on Monday night event. A group of Mississippi College alumni who have kept in touch since college days have gathered monthly for more than 20 years for fellowship. Pictured are, front row (from left), Mary Catherine Gentry, Faye Rogers, Mary Elizabeth Ray, Margaret Coleman, Ewilda Fancher, Mary Simmons, June McKee, and Betty Barber; second row, Charles Gentry, James Merritt, Jewel Merritt, Charles Ray, Wayne Coleman, James Fancher, Bob Simmons, Garland McKee, and Joe Barber; third row, Bill Hardy, Guy Henderson, and Lois Henderson. Not pictured are Barbara Hardy, James and Narcissa Richardson, and Jimmy and Ashley McCaleb. Charles Gentry is pastor.



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Simpson Association WMU hosted a birthday party on May 25 for the Baptist Children's Village celebrating 100th year. Pictured is Susie Rawls, associational WMU director, presenting a Simpson County afghan to Claire Nowlin of the Village.

STAFF CHANGES

Bethesda Church, Metro Association, has called **Brooke Eversmeyer** as minister of youth effective July 13. A native of Jackson, Eversmeyer is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree at Mississippi College.

Centreville Church, Centreville, has called **Duane Roth** as minister of music. Roth recently graduated from Southwestern Seminary. A native of Missouri, he is also a graduate of Southwest University, Bolivar, Mo.

Sammy J. McDonald has resigned the pastorate of Southside Church, Vicksburg. McDonald is available for supply in preaching and music, revivals, and bivocational or

interim ministry. He can be contacted at (601) 892-6046. His address is 1060 Dear Court Lane, Crystal Springs, MS 39059.

Riverside Church, Pascagoula, has called **Wilton T. Bennett** as pastor. His previous place of service was First Church, Sand Hill.

Russell D. Moore has resigned as associate pastor and minister of youth at Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, due to his acceptance as a doctoral student in systematic theology at Southern Seminary, beginning this fall. Moore is a recent graduate of New Orleans Seminary.



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Hebrews 10: 19-39

By Wayne VanHorn

Draw Near (10:19-23). The writer of Hebrews advances the idea that Jesus opened the way to direct access to God and is thus superior to the Levitical sacrificial system. With this in mind he now invites his readers to enjoy the direct access to God that Christ has made possible for them. Both our confidence and our access derive from the work of Christ on the cross as indicated by the phrase "by the blood of Jesus" (10:19). The "new and living way" (10:20) refers to Jesus himself. Just as the veil separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies,

where the mercy seat and the ark of the covenant were located, even so a spiritual veil separated unholy people from a perfectly holy God. Jesus' perfect life and substitutionary death on Calvary's cross serve to push aside the veil that separates people from the presence of God. Thus, the way to God's mercy seat is open all the time. Christ is the new and living way. "New" in the sense of being effectual; "living" in the sense of being relational. Through our personal relationship with Jesus Christ we have direct access to the Father, which in effect, brings



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pardon for our sin and power to live for him who died for us.

The veil represents the very flesh of Christ. Just as the earthly veil was torn in two, Jesus' body was torn on our behalf. Jesus became our great priest as a result (10:21). Thus, we should draw near (10:22) and

hold fast our confession (10:23). The first action is one of drawing closer to God, implying growth and maturity. The latter action is the result of a deepening faith. Wavering is the result of not drawing near. As we draw closer to God we become faithful even as he is faithful (10:23).

Help One Another (10:24-31). The writer of Hebrews intended for his epistle to stimulate a deeper faith in Christ among his readers, but more

was needed than his letter to accomplish this goal. Therefore he encouraged them "to provoke" (KJV) or "to stimulate" (NASB) each other to love and good deeds, the hallmarks of genuine Christian faith. Such positive provocation could only take place in the context of Christian worship and fellowship which mandated faithful attendance at public gatherings of Christians (10:25). The dire consequences of rejecting God's overtures of love are spelled out in 10:26-31. The writer of Hebrews summarizes his warning by saying, "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (10:31).

Remember Early Faith (10:32-34). The readers are reminded of when they first were exposed to the Gospel. The news was good enough to suffer for and to stand with

those who suffered for it (10:32-33). They were even willing to suffer the loss of personal property believing that they had a better possession that would abide forever (10:34).

Live By Faith (10:35-39). The concluding verses of Hebrews 10 focus the reader upon the necessity of living by faith. Biblical faith is not merely a one time act that results in eternal salvation or even a mental assent that brings perfection. Biblical faith is an on going trust in God through Christ. When this genuine faith is activated by the initial act of trusting Jesus, it continues until the believer's spiritual development is complete. Biblical faith results in one doing the will of God (10:36) and in one not shrinking back from the things of God (10:38-39).

VanHorn is pastor, First Church Columbia.

LIFE AND WORK

Issues facing society: money

1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

By Geneva England

Sage advice, such as "Waste not, want not" and "The love of money is the root of all evil," has shaped both our American and Christian heritages. These beliefs sprang from generations forging a nation and combating idolatry, not from the "easy-come-easy-go," credit-card mania of our present age. Good stewardship of both our time and resources are taught throughout the Bible. One principle gleaned from Jesus' feeding the five thousand is "Let nothing be wasted" (John 6:12).

In the Apostle Paul's letter to his spiritual son Timothy in Ephesus, he warned against controversial money practices that hinder God's work. Paul often used financial terminology in

comparing, such as "robbed of the truth" or "perverted thinking." He also warned against a false godliness used for financial gain.

Today one can hardly distinguish the saved from the unsaved in matters of finance. Indeed, people do strange things for money! How often do professionals attend church to scout for business prospects? How many attend as a cover for some sinful practice? How many donate for personal recognition? Through Christ is the ultimate judge, the immediate effects produced by the love of money are evident.

Being Content (6:6-8). God is the giver of all good gifts; he owns "the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Psa. 50:11). Actually, he



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owns the entire universe. You and I are but brief sojourners here. God created us from dust and to dust we shall return. "We brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out" (v.7 NIV). We should feel as Paul did: "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances" (Phil. 4:11 NIV).

Resisting Temptations (6:9-10). Discontentment leads to many temptations, called "foolish and harmful lusts." Two examples involve cryogenics (freezing human bodies for later revival) and cloning (duplicating identical persons by genetic engineering). These expensive processes show just how discontent people have become and how they are trying to outsmart God's laws of nature. God directs us to be content in our salvation, and we should be!

Another example of discontentment can be seen in the casino crowd. The lure of hitting the

big jackpot has already ruined countless lives. The temptation of easy wealth excites man; thus Satan baits his traps. Once the foolishness of man plunges him into these sinful acts, he is caught. The love of money paved the road to his ruin.

Pursuing What Matters (6:11-12). Paul addressed Timothy with a respected title, Man of God one used in the Old Testament for saints such as Moses, Samuel, and Elijah. Paul warned Timothy to flee from the enticement of sin, especially coveting money, and, instead, "fight the good fight of faith." Paul realized that pursuing the six virtues (verse 11) requires a battle. He knew this personally because of the persecutions he was enduring at the time of this letter, yet he thanked God for care and provisions.

Making Money Serve (6:17-19). One of the most familiar parables of the New Testament describes a master going on a trip and leaving talents (money) with three servants.

When he returned, he expected an increase. On accounting day, two servants were rewarded for their productivity, but the "wicked, slothful servant" was thrown into "outer darkness, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 25:14-30). A good steward must prove himself faithful. God is glorified when we use our resources wisely for his sake.

We are commanded not to be arrogant about any wealth we may possess. At best, our earthly possessions are temporary. Remember, the Lord both gives and takes away. As good stewards we should share willingly and generously. Matthew 6:19-24 reminds us not to lay up treasures on earth but in heaven, for where our treasures are, there our hearts will be also. Ironically, Christians keep only what they give away—thereby, adding to their heavenly storehouse. Man must choose his master: God or money.

England is a member of First Church, Grenada.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Holding firmly to the gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

By Jason Bird

There were those in the Corinthian church who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Such beliefs stood diametrically opposed to the good news of salvation and eternal life. In this passage, Paul reminds the church of the gospel message and its implications for their life.

The Necessity of the Gospel (15:1-2). Paul wrote to the church in Rome that the gospel was "the power of God for the salvation of everyone" Now, in writing to the church in Corinth, he reminds his readers of the necessity of that gospel in their own lives. When Paul preached the good

news to them, they believed that truth and their lives were transformed. The apostle states it is this message of the grace of God that saves people if they hold firmly to it.

Paul did not say the Corinthian believers were in danger of losing their salvation. Rather, their holding fast to the truth gave evidence to the fact that they truly had a saving faith and that the power of this message was real.

The Definition of the Gospel (15:3-4). Paul did not preach his own message but one given by a revelation from God. The central focus of the gospel is the atoning work of



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Jesus Christ.

First, "Jesus died for our sins." The Roman government executed many; however, only one gave his life for the sins of others. All of the Old Testament points to Jesus and his sacrifice for the sins of mankind. The Jews should not have been surprised for this fulfilled hundreds of years of prophecy.

Secondly, Jesus burial verifies he did literally die, and was not just in a trance or coma. Jesus took the full punishment for sin and completely experienced death and burial. On the third day, however, Jesus was resurrected from the dead. Again, Paul notes this resurrection fulfilled God's revealed plan. To those who had difficulty believing anyone could be resurrected from the dead, Paul provides a list of witnesses who could testify to

the validity of this momentous event.

The Witnesses of the Gospel (15:5-8). First, Jesus appeared to Peter, then to all the Apostles. Some would undoubtedly argue these men all had a reason to lie about the resurrection. Paul states that Jesus also appeared to more than five hundred people at the same time! The gospels do not record this event, but apparently these people were well known. Paul states many were still alive in case the Corinthians wanted to question them personally. Jesus also appeared to his half-brother James after his resurrection. Finally, Paul states that the resurrected Christ appeared to him as well. James and Paul would have no reason to lie about the resurrection because they did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah until after they saw him alive. Christ's appearance to Paul was even more

remarkable because he was one "abnormally born," that is, not present with Jesus during his earthly ministry. That this appearance to Paul should make such a difference in him proves the power of the Gospel.

The Power of the Gospel (15:9-11). God's grace transformed Paul from one who persecuted the church to one who proclaimed the message that Jesus was alive. Paul explained that this message, whether preached by he or someone else, had the power to change lives.

Simple, but powerful, the gospel message has stood the test of time and today there are even more witnesses to its power. Believers should take the time to thank God for the grace he has shown and commit themselves to being messengers of the good news that Jesus lives!

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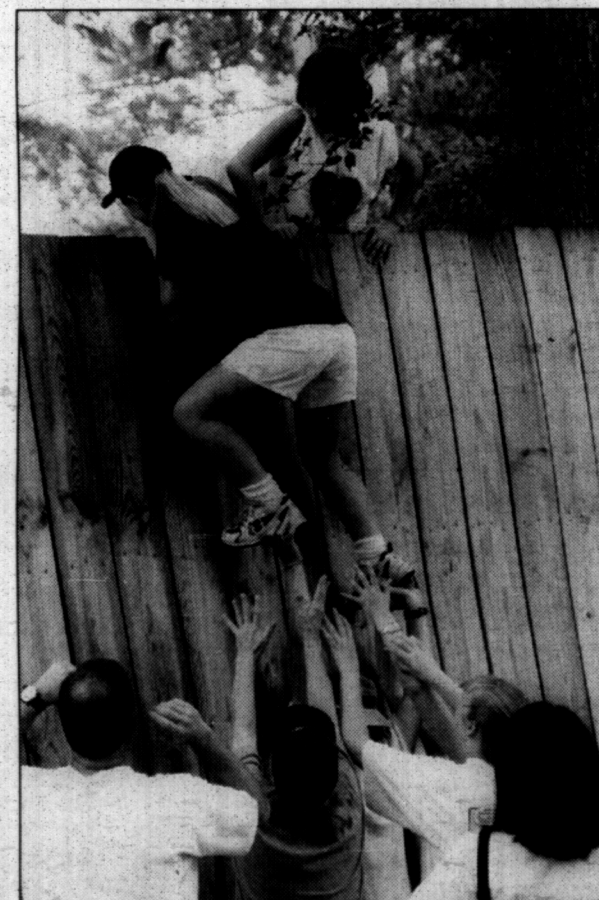
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Miranda pulls herself over the "Wall" with a little help from her friends. The Wall was the final challenge of a week-long ropes experience for Reedy Acres Campus girls from Water Valley. Dona Brown, Reedy Acres Social Worker, and Chip Price, BCV Director of Activities facilitated the Ropes Course experience on The India Nunnery Campus in Jackson. By conquering the wall, the girls conquered "walls" in their own lives that hinder their growth.

The Road to Everlasting Life



God intends for all his children to live with him forever, but the road to everlasting life is blocked. To find that road you must:

Admit that you are a sinner.
There is none righteous, not even one. (Rom. 3:10)

Accept God's love for you.
God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8)

Acknowledge Christ as Lord.
If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. (Rom. 10:9)

If you make a decision for Christ today, contact a local Mississippi Baptist Church for spiritual guidance.

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Clue: *M equals G*
Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: John Three Sixteen.

On-line instant messages a growing threat

FAIRFAX, Va. (BP) — Shyla Welch was expecting news from her mother when a notice popped onto her computer screen.

"Care for an obedient male?" the sender asked.

What was meant, Welch explained, was "a submissive sexual male."

As Welch sees it, "I should be able to get on my on-line service without being subjected to this."

Welch works for Enough is Enough, an organization in the fight against pornography. At home, she uses America Online — a service with Internet access in which "instant messages" can jump onto a user's screen.

"I received two approaches from married men who asked if I was interested in having an affair," Welch said. "I was not in a chat room ... and yet I'm found."

AOL's instant message service enables members to speedily communicate with selected others without entering the added computer commands involved in electronic mail (e-mail). The receiver's screen name is all that's needed.

While AOL currently is the only major Internet provider with instant messages, it recently developed a version that will work with other on-line providers. It can be downloaded free from AOL's home page.

The danger with such features comes from pedophiles who use the Internet to find children. They get their contacts from user profiles, which subscribers supply when signing on with AOL.

"I highly recommend that parents eliminate profiles," Welch said.

That can be easy with AOL. Click the "find" button at the top of the computer screen "tool bar," then type in "user profile." A screen will show your profile information, which can be removed by pushing the "delete" button at the bottom.

The user profile material is not used for billing. Questions include name, age, family members and hobbies. AOL is the world's largest Internet provider with more than 8 million members. Any subscriber can search the profile list for information about other subscribers.

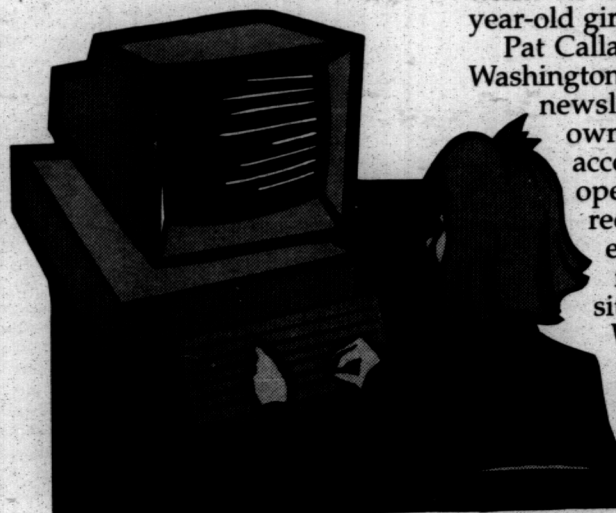
AOL also has a "Buddy List" service, which appears on a user's computer screen as a small window with stored names and issues an alert when any of the individuals come on-line. They can then be sent an instant message.

"AOL does have parental controls," Welch said. "Unfortunately, a lot of parents don't know what they are."

Additionally, those controls are limited with instant messages. You can choose to receive all or none. Block the messages and there's no instant access to

family. Accept and you're open to strangers.

With Buddy Lists, meanwhile, AOL enables a user to screen individuals to keep the user's name from their lists.



"Private message is the number one tool of child predators," said Colin Gabriel Hatcher of Cyber Angels, an Internet safety organization.

"All chat services have this," he added.

They just give it a different term. At the "Palace" they call it "whisper." Visitors in those chat rooms can see your screen name and ask to meet you in a private room on-line.

"They operate in secret," said Hatcher about pedophiles.

And that's when they ask for information like an address or telephone number.

"A child who's 12 years old thinks she's talking to a peer — and he's a 46-year-old male," said Rubin Rodriguez with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

"You don't know who this is at the other end."

The FBI got involved back in May 1993 with a missing child report connected to the Internet. George Burdyski was 10 years old when he disappeared from Brentwood, Md. Investigators never solved the case, but the agency did find men using children for sexual pictures.

The FBI sent agents on-line to trap child predators in an operation called "Innocent Images." They have since made 250 searches and convicted 112 people.

"Kids are naive," said FBI special agent Linda Hooper. "They don't ever think that information will be used against them."

Rachel Lindhome was in an AOL chat room last year when she received a message from Robert Mortellaro, a 34-year-old Florida resident.

Mortellaro asked if she wanted to see pictures of child pornography, and he recounted having sex with a 10-year-old girl.

"All of a sudden my heart stopped," said Lindhome, a 27-year-old telemarketer, in a story in the Tampa (Fla.) Tribune.

Lindhome contacted an

attorney, and that led to FBI involvement.

Mortellaro sent 70 pictures which included bestiality and sex with infants. Police arrested the man at a Vero Beach mall when he tried to meet a 13-year-old girl from the Internet.

Pat Callahan, an attorney in Washington, publishes a small newsletter for property owners and has an account with AOL. She opened her e-mail recently and found eight advertisements for pornographic sites on the Internet's World Wide Web.

"I don't go into chat rooms," she said. "This stuff is coming into my mail box unsolicited."

David Tackett also witnessed the problem for himself. He went on-line as a 14-year-old girl in research for a seminar about the Internet. Tackett is a member of Henderson Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

His new screen name was "Missy," and he just sat in an AOL chat room.

"Within five minutes I probably had eight people trying to

instant message me," he said. "It was quite scary."

One man asked "Missy" what she had on under her pants.

"Gross!" Tackett responded. "Get over it," the sender typed.

Hatcher with Cyber Angels said, "The Buddy List is a great concept," but noted, "Every week we get requests for help from people on AOL who are being harassed."

Parents can lessen the danger with prevention, said Shyla Welch from Enough is Enough:

◆ Remove yourself from profile lists. This will keep people from finding your name in a record search.

◆ Encourage children to never give out personal information like their real name or address.

◆ Remove the instant message service for full protection. Technology hasn't developed to screen individuals.

◆ Block adult chat rooms.

"A lot of people use the on-line world as a dating service," Welch said. "Far too much information is being divulged by youngsters. ... If you're a vigilant parent, it doesn't have to happen to your child."



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The recent death of my daughter after a long, painful illness has caused me to doubt my faith. God has been no comfort to me. How can I find my way back?

God has not left you, but your hurt is so great that you are focusing on it instead of God. Statistics show that at least 18-24 months are needed to cope with a difficult death before a grieving loved one can again see hope. Begin keeping a diary that will track your emotions and help you understand in written form what you are feeling inside. After a few weeks, you will be able to review the diary to see how far you have come, and that will help you plan where you want to go. Stay around close friends, but realize they may not always know what to say or do. Enjoy their willingness to help you, and overlook their mistakes. Locate a support group where you can share your story and observe others who are ahead of you in this process. Start an exercise program, which serves as an excellent outlet while you deal with your grief. Finally, keep God's Word close at hand, stay in

church, and pray. When your mind is less cluttered, you will be better able to hear God's still, small voice.

My first-grader is using bad words he hears in school. How can I nip this before it becomes a habit?

Your first-grader is learning to express himself, and somehow he has come to understand that using bad words will gain attention for him. Rather than overreacting or shaming your son, respond with, "Let's say that another way." You can encourage correct behavior by allowing him to see that he has a choice in using more appropriate words. Find out where your son is picking up this bad language. If it comes from television, for example, switch the channel and say, "We don't let that type of talk come into our home." The same is true if one of your son's friends is causing the problem — tell him, "We don't talk that way in our home." Your son will see that he can take a stand for what's right, and you will strike an early blow against the peer pressure he will inevitably feel as he gets older.

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